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### States

illegal immigrants smuggling: More than 70 illegal immigrants being smuggled in the back of a truck were clearly in trouble, but the driver ignored their cries for help, a woman who accompanied the driver testified.

"They wanted to get out. It was hot," Fatima Holloway said Wednesday at the trial of Tyrone Williams. Her testimony was to con-

tinue Thursday.
Williams, 34, a Jamaican citizen who lives
in Schenectady, N.Y., is accused of driving
he rig and abandoning the trailer at a truck
stop near Victoria, about 100 miles southwest
of Houston. Nineteen of the immigrants
crammed inside the sweltering tractor-trailer
died.

Wis. church shootings: As loved ones said goodbye to one of the victims killed at a South Milwaukee church service over the weekend, authorities continued their search for a motive behind the shooting deaths.

Friends and relatives gathered Wednesday at a wake for Richard Reeves, S8, who police said was among the seven killed when Terry Ratzmann opened fire in a hotel conference room. His funeral was scheduled Thursday, Funerals for the other victims were set for Friday and Saturday.

D.C.-area sniper case: A man was indicted Wednesday for allegedly buying a rifle for the Washington, D.C.-area snipers — though not the weapon used in the 2002 random shooting soree.

A federal grand jury indicted Earl L. Dancy Jr., 36, of Tacoma, Wash., on one count of making a false statement in connection with the acquisition of a firearm. He faces up to 10 years in prison if convicted.

On a federal form when Dancy bought a 308-caliber Remington rifle from a Tacoma store, Dancy claimed he intended to use the weapon himself, the U.S. attorney's office said. During the November 2003 trial of John Allen Muhammad, he admitted under oath he bought it for Muhammad.

Martha Stewart's appeal: Perjury charges against a government witness are grounds for a reversal of Martha Stewart's conviction on charges of lying about a stock sale, her lawyer argued before a federal appeals court

Lawyer Walter Dellinger argued that — although government ink expert Larry Stewart was subsequently acquitted — the charges he had faced should lead to "virtually automatic reversal" of Martha Stewart's conviction.

Dellinger also said it was unfair of the government to play tapes of interviews with co-defendant Peter Bacanovic when Martha



JULIANA GITTLER/Stars and Strip

SETTING SAIL: Sailors stand along the bow of the USS Kitty Hawk on Thursday and watch the shore as the carrier leaves Pusan, South Korea. The ship is heading off the coast of South Korea to participate in the training exercise Foal Eagle next week.

Stewart's lawyers had no chance to cross-examine him.

## World

Nepal protestors: Riot police arrested about 40 students Thursday who defied a strict government crackdown on street protests and marched through the capital, denouncing King Gyanendra's seizure of power and calling for the restoration of democracy.

Gyanendra seized power on Feb. I, imposing emergency rule and putting top politicians in jail. The constitutional monarch claimed he dumped the government because of its failure to counter communist insugents, who have been fighting since 1996 to abolish the monarchy and establish communist rule.

Syrian withdrawal: Syria's army and intelligence agents on Thursday completed the first phase of their pullback to eastern Lebanon and Syria, while a top Lebanese security chief said he and other officials were willing to stand trial to clear allegations of negligence in the assassination of former Prime Minister Rafti Harrit

Syrian and Lebanon agreed earlier this month that Syrian troops and intelligence agents would redeploy in the eastern Bekaa

Valley or withdraw to Syria before the end of

Fischer deportation case: An Icelandic parliamentary committee said Thursday it needed more information from Japan before it could decide whether to grant citizenship to chess genius Bobby Fischer, who is fighting deportation from Tokyo to the United States. Legislator Gudrun Ogmundsdottir had said

the citizenship motion would probably be passed by the nine-member committee Thursday, then be placed before Iceland's 63-member parliament, the Althingi.

Fischer, 62, is in a Japanese detention cell awaiting deportation to the United States.

Palestinian truce: Palestinian factions meeting in Cairo agreed Thursday to continue an open-ended truce with Israel as long as certain conditions are met, a participant

"The truce will continue but it requires Israel to stop aggression against Palestinians and to release all the Palestinian detainees," Sakhar Habash, a member of the Fatah central committee.

He said all of the participants had agreed on the truce.

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## AF investigating alleged cheating scandal

BY LISA BURGESS Stare and Strings

ARLINGTON Va - The Air Force is facing a suspected cheating scandal involv-

ing the Weighted Airmen Promotion Sys tem test for enlisted airmen, a large part of what determines who will advance in rank and who will fall behind. "More than 10 and fewer than 20" cases

are suspected, according to Capt. David Small, an Air Force spokesman at the Pentagon. He refused to give a more precise number, "because investigations are still under way" by the Air Force Office of Special Investigations.

The investigations began last May, Small said, and three airmen are facing trial

The case that has progressed the furthest involves Master Sgt. J. Abdur Rahim Saafir, who is assigned to the 469th Air Base Group Commander's Support Staff at Rhein-Main Air Force Base in Germany.

Saafir, a mission support flight superintendent, has been accused of possessing and distributing controlled WAPS testing

In January 2004, Saafir was named U.S.

## Ex-Misawa airman among those accused of wrongdoing in testing for promotions

Air Forces in Europe personnel manager of the year, in part because he saved the Air Force more than \$15,000 in travel costs in 2003 by having the enlisted promotion tests held on Rhein-Main instead of Ramstein Air Base, Germany, nearly two hours

Saafir was charged Feb. 3 and on March 8 with Article 81, conspiracy, and Article 92, failure to obey a lawful general regulation, according to Capt. Stacy Orlowsky, a

469th ABG spokeswoman. Brig. Gen. Rosanne Bailey, the 435th Air Base Wing Commander, has appointed an investigating officer under Article 32 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice to investigate the charges, Orlowsky said

The Article 32 process often is described as the U.S. military's counterpart to the civilian grand jury, although in the military version of the process, the accused servicemember also is allowed legal representa-

The other two cases are at Schriever and Peterson Air Force bases in Colorado.

At Schriever, Senior Master Set, Horace Jordan of the 50th Comptroller Squadron will face a special court-martial set for March 30, according to spokeswoman Tech. Sgt. Kate Rust.

A special court-martial is more serious than a summary court-martial, but less serious than a general court-martial, which requires an Article 32 process to convene. Jordan is accused of unspecified actions that "didn't take place here," Rust said.

Jordan was named financial manage ment senior NCO of the year while work-ing in the 35th Comptroller Squadron as a master sergeant at Misawa Air Base in Japan in December 2002, according to a Pacific Air Forces news release dated Dec. 11 2002

At Peterson, a first lieutenant was given an Article 15 "in the last few weeks" for misconduct involving WAPS, according to base spokesman Tech. Sgt. Michael Phil-

Article 15 "covers several offenses," and "is a tool commanders can use in lieu of court-martial proceedings," Phillips said.

Recause an Article 15 is a nonjudicial punishment, the Air Force is not allowed to release more information.

In addition to those three cases, "there are multiple individuals involved across many different bases," Small told Stripes on Thursday.

Until the investigations are complete, there is no way of knowing how many promotions were affected by the suspected cheating, Small said.

But once the investigations and any resulting legal proceedings are complete. Air Force officials will notify any airmen who may have been unfairly affected and provide them with information on how they can be considered for retroactive promotion, according to Ken Schwartz, chief of the Air Force's Military Testing Section in the Air Force Personnel Center's Enlisted Promotions Office, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas,

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## Okinawa governor lobbies U.S. to remove Marines

JON R. ANDERSON

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON - Top Okinawa government officials are launching a new campaign in an old fight to get all U.S. Marines off Japan's southernmost island.

Okinawa governor Keiichi Inamine says he is "making a dras-tic new proposal" to the U.S. and Japanese governments as the two nations are reworking the details of their alliance. The proposal also comes as Pentagon leaders are trying to consolidate existing overseas bases and return tens of thousands of forward-based U.S. troops to American soil.

"This is a rare chance and a great opportunity, because the military is working on its worldwide posture review,' amine told reporters Wednesday during a lobbying tour of White House, Pentagon, State Department and congressional leaders.

The U.S. blitz comes in the wake of a similar effort by Inamine among top Japanese leaders in Tokvo.

Okinawans have long argued that they've shouldered an unfair proportion of the U.S. presence in Japan. With less than 1 percent of Japan's land mass, the island provides 75 percent of the facilities used by U.S. forces in Japan. That includes some 50,000 troops and

family members

Following the 1995 rape of a Okinawan schoolgirl by two Marines and a sailor, a 1996 agreement between the two countries was designed to lift some of that burden. The Special Action Committee on Okinawa report, or SACO, centered on moving the Marine Corps' Futenma air station to a new off-shore base. But nearly a decade later, haggling over exactly where the base will go has yielded little progress.

Inamine said he wants to scrap that agreement and shift to some-



Okinawa Gov. Keiichi Inamine makes a point during Wednesday's press conference in Washington. Inamine is on a lobbying tour in an attempt to lessen U.S. troop presence on Okinawa.

thing much more comprehensive. Flanked by Takeshi Onaga, the mayor of Okinawa's capital and largest city, Naha, he said he is pushing a four-point proposal. Inamine wants to:

■ Remove all Marines. Marines occupy about 75 percent of the U.S. facilities there, and local officials say Marines are responsible for most accidents and crimes. Inamine is proposing that

the Okinawa Marine Corps units now making their return to the island from Iraq "don't come

■ Reduce noise at Kadena Air Base. Another facet of SACO included reducing noise at the Air Force's main hub in the area, including limiting early morning and late night flights at the base, which is surrounded by homes. Little improvement has been seen on that front either, said Inamine. More must be done now, he said Halt construction

live-fire complex. The Army is building a live-fire complex at Camp Hansen. According to the text of Inamine's proposal, the site 44 This is a rare "barely 300 ters (330

pressway. Rewrite SOFA. The Status of Forces Agreement, which governs the rules U.S. troops must live by in Japan, is long overdue for an overhaul, said Inamine, calling for a "fundamen

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Forty-five years after the original SOFA was written, he argues in his proposal "there have been significant changes in the security environment and social conditions the SOFA has become inconsistent with the demands of the times."

revision.

## Mixed response

In Washington, the response was polite, but noncommittal. "We thanked them for their

input," said Pentagon spokesman Navy Lt. Cmdr. Greg Hicks, after Inamine's contingent met with Richard Lawless, the Defense Department's deputy undersecretary for Asian and Pacific affairs.

Hicks said, however, that any negotiations regarding U.S. pres ence in Japan would be between the U.S. and Japanese governments — not local officials.

"This is between the policymakers, and we're working with the government of Japan."

Any sweeping changes on Okinawa, however, do not appear on the horizon.

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Keiichi Inamine

Okinawa governor

'We remain committed to the steady implementation of SACO,' said Hicks

In Japan Hatsuhisa Takashi-

the ma, spokesman the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, said senior leaders are studying Inamine's propos al - and with U.S. and Japanese officials now reworking their alliance hinting there might be options

for compromise. "The bilateral talks are under way with the focus on reducing the burden shouldered by the local communities, in-

cluding Okinawa, and maintain-ing deterrence," said Takashima. 'As for a request to revise the SOFA, the government stance is to make operational improve ments to the agreement, while giving consideration to requests from local communities.'

Yoshinori Ohno, Japan's de-fense minister, told reporters after Inamine's visit to Tokyo on March 8 that moving the Marines off Okinawa must be weighed against regional security needs.

"This is an issue of the Japan-U.S. Security Treaty, the security of Japan and the security of the Far East," he said. "There fore, maintaining the deterrence power is very important.
"At the same time, there are

calls for reducing the burden of hosting the military presence," he added. "At issue is how to achieve the two goals."

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Personnel from the 374th Logistical Readiness Squadron inspect cargo Wednesday



Airmen from the 730th Air Mobility Squadron evaluate Master Sgt. Richard Woody, who as "injured' by a simulated bomb blast Wednesday at Yokota's passenger terminal.

## Skills for a scary scenario

## An Operation Readiness Exercise gauges reactions at Yokota to a chemical attack

BY T.D. FLACK Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan he bomb blasts, troop deployments and chemical weapon attacks here this week might have been simulated, but the hours of work that went into proving Yokota can operate under attack were anything but pretend

The 374th Airlift Wing recalled its personnel early Sunday evening - resulting in snaking lines of traffic from the housing areas and a rush for caffeine drinks and snacks at the base stores as the airmen re-ported for an Operational Readiness Exercise.

Officials said the ORE, which ended Wednesday, was to test how the wing conducts its flying missio in a chemical environment

Airmen across the base scrambled during extended work shifts to react to scenarios directed by the wing Inspector General's Office.

Squadron members assist the IG as Exercise Evaluation Team, or EET, members, lending valuable experience in developing realistic scenarios and evaluating their co-workers' performance.

One large-scale test came Wednesday afternoon when ambulances rushed to a stop near a large. green tent in front of the 374th Medical Group's hos pital. Medical personnel and the patients - victims of a chemical attack — were clad in nuclear, biological and chemical protective suits

According to Col. Steve Shaffer, medical group director of organizational compliance, the 19-person decontamination team "removes or neutralizes, to the extent possible, nuclear, biological and chemical agents on wartime casualties prior to being admitted to a military treatment facility."

He said the team provides triage, basic life support and wound management during decontamina-tion while administering nerve agent antidotes. Master Sgt. Janet Lightburn, part of the 374th's evaluation team, thought the personnel were "doing very well" in the exercise. She said they train month-

ly to run the decontamination team. Across the flight line, Staff Sgt, Everardo Armendariz was busy augmenting the 374th Logistical

Readiness Squadron, where he works as a cargo controller during both in exercises and the real world. The squadron processes equipment and personnel leaving Yokota on deployments and was one of the ORE's focal points, base officials said

Rows of cargo lined the staging areas outside Building 400 and squadron airmen scrutinized the manifests, ensuring the right equipment would get on the right plane and hit the right destination.

The ORE was the first time Armendariz has "seen how this part of the machine works," he said, point-



an Michelle Graves, a member of the 74th Medical Group waits for "patients" Wednesday at a decon-

ing to the gear and C-130 cargo planes. He said it gave him "a new perspective on how things work." Some units, such as the 730th Air Mobility Squadron, created additional internal scenarios to help sharpen their skills. Master Sgt. Robert Martel, EET chief with the

730th, evacuated his airmen from the their squadron work areas, including the passenger terminal, on Wednesday after a bomb threat was received. When they were released back to the terminal, they discovered two bomb-blast victims on the floor

The airmen immediately began "treating" Master Sgt. Richard Woody and 1st Lt. Cynthia Flores — squadron volunteers wearing realistic wound kits simulating broken bones, burns and, in Woody's case, exposed intestines

Tech. Sgt. Dominic Mazza, also part of the 730th's EET, said the airmen made a few mistakes during the training, "but that's what it's for."

"They were really proactive and really treated this as if it were real," Mazza said. "The majority of them are new, so that's why we're doing this training. Airman 1st Class Mike Hendry, who's been in the Air Force about seven months, thought the scenario

"My initial reaction was, 'wow, there's a guy with his guts hanging out,' "he said. That was followed quickly by "How do we keep this guy alive?" According to Col. Michael Koster, 374th Inspector

General, OREs "make sure the wing and tenants are prepared for any contingency or crisis."

He said having well-trained airmen allows

wing to "pick up at a moment's notice" like it did in providing tsunami relief in South Asia, earthquake relief in Niigata, Japan, and typhoon relief in Guam.

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ersonnel from the 374th Medical Group treat "victims" of a simulatemical weapons attack on Yokota Air Base



VAL GEMPIS/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

Members of the 374th Medical Group help a "patient" process through a decontamination tent.

## **Congress: Base closure costs 'a charade'** | DOD: Early

BY LEO SHANE III Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON - House members angry over upcoming base closings lashed out at Air Force officials on Wednesday for the up-front costs expected and undetermined savings promised in the Base Realignment And Closure

The proposed 2006 defense budget includes \$2.5 billion in closure costs related to the BRAC



ly identified as scheduled to be closed. Another \$5.7 billion in expenses is expected

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## President Bush taps 8 to review base closings

WASHINGTON - President Bush on Tuesday nominated eight people with ties to defense to serve on the commission charged with closing U.S. military bases.

The president previously nominated former Veterans Affairs Secretary Anthony Principi to lead the nine-member independent commission. Congress authorized the fifth round of closures last year. If confirmed by the Senate, the Base Realignment and Closure Commission will review a list of closures the Pentagon must propose by May.

The president nominated:

■ James H. Bilbray of Nevada, a former Army reservist and a former congressman who served on international relations, armed services and in-

■ Philip Coyle of California, a senior adviser to the Center for Defense Information and a former assistant defense secretary.

■ Harold W. Gehman Jr. of Virginia, a retired Navy admiral and former NATO supreme allied commander

■ James V. Hansen of Utah, a Navy veteran and former congressman who served on the armed services committee.

James T. Hill of Florida, a retired Army general and former combatant commander of the U.S. Southern Command

■ Claude M. Kicklighter of Georgia, a retired Army lieutenant general and the assistant secretary for policy and planning at the Veterans Af-

■ Samuel Knox Skinner of Illinois, a former Army reservist and one-time chief of staff and secretary of transportation under President George

■ Sue Ellen Turner of Texas, a retired Air Force brigadier general who is a member of the American Battle Monuments Commission.

There's a charade going on here." This year's process marks the fifth time since 1988 the Defense Department has looked to reduce

its base holdings and costs, designed to make the military more

be released May 16, though changes to that list could be made

When pressed by committee members to name an Air Force base that could easily be eliminated. Air Force Secretary Peter Teets declined to pick a facility but defended the process.

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well-structured analysis going on," he said. "In any kind of restructuring activity ... it requires upfront investment to achieve annual savings."

Teets said he has started to hear possible closure scenarios but "no decisions have been made."

Defense officials estimate the earlier BRAC rounds have saved about \$29 billion in reduced maintenance costs and profits from land sales.

Earlier in the week Phillip Grone, deputy undersecretary of defense for installations and environment, said the 24 percent excess canacity figure is only an estimate and will not require that one in four bases be closed.

However, when pressed by House members, he also admitted the 24 percent figure is not a maximum either and that the study could recommend closing a higher number of facilities as

Grone added that officials are taking into account the large number of servicemembers expected to return to U.S. bases from deployment abroad as military officials draw down troop totals in Eurone and the Pacific arenas

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### Postcard blitz

TOKYO - The U.S. Embassy in Tokyo has received hundreds of postcards protesting unconfirmed Japanese media reports that the U.S. Army's I Corps Headquarters may relocate to Camp Zama, Japan, according to embassy officials.

A group consisting of city councilors and residents from Zama and Sagamihara cities, who oppose the alleged plans, are selling postcards addressed to Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld in care of the embassy stating that the troops are not welcome, according to Tokio Kaneko, the group's director general and Sagamihara city councilman.

"The contents of the postcards were sent to the Pentagon," said an Embassy spokesman. U.S. Forces Japan officials had no comment

The stamped postcards state that the sender opposes moving I Corps Headquarters, based at Fort Lewis, Wash., to Camp Zama - that "Camp Zama must be returned to local people." The cards have a snace to write messages. The group decided to encourage people to send postcards in response to Rumsfeld's remark that the troops should be located where wanted, welcomed and needed, Kaneko said.

The cards are sold for 100 yen - about \$1. The price covers ex-

penses and the group's camnaigns, organizers said. They said they have sold about 5,000 postcards in the past three months

half the 10,000 they hope to sell. U.S. military officials have said in the past that no specific plans exist for moving any units to

## Talent show auditions

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — Auditions for the Nile C. Kinnick Senior Class Council talent show are scheduled for next week at the high school forum on the first floor

Elementary and middle school students can audition March 22 and high school students March 23. Both auditions will be held from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

The talent shows are planned for April 19 and 20 in the Benny Decker Theater. Top- place winners will be awarded cash prizes.

## Bowling for the green

A "St. Patrick's Irish Sweeper' is scheduled for 4 p.m. Saturday at Tomodachi Lanes on Yokota Air Base, Japan. A release from the base described it as a four-game, nine-pin no-split, no-spare "scratch singles tournament

Sign-up is at 3:30 p.m. and costs \$15 for each bowler. The top three will receive cash prizes.

From staff reports

## retirement rules need to be set

BY LEO SHANE III Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON - Defense Department officials want new early-retirement rules — some incentives and some mandatory exits — for all four services as a long-term tool to help force effi-

The request to Congress comes just days after Marine and Army officials announced they missed recruiting goals for February. But Charles Abell, deputy undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, said the two issues are not connected. "These are for force-shaping.

Abell told a House Armed Services subcommittee on Wednesday. "It is not about getting rid of folks. It's about keeping the right folks and right skill and experi-

The proposals all are aimed at 20-plus year military personnel, especially those in outdated or overpopulated specialties. They include:

■ A buyout bonus or annuity for enlisted members.

■ High-year tenure caps for officers, to apply to either certain specialties or across the board. ■ An early-retirement board —

described by Abell as a "last resort" measure — that would re-view senior officers' skills and have the authority to hand out involuntary retirements.

Abell said all four proposals likely aren't needed to achieve the force-shaping goals: If the new high-tenure caps are approved by Congress, the early re-tirement board would likely be re-

And he acknowledged that many of the proposals will be unpopular among career military who would be forced out of their

"This is about the appropriate management of human capital," he said. "And we've found that when you have these authorities out there, people start making their own decisions ahead of

"This is just putting more tools in the toolbox," he said.

Abell said all four services have requested the tools, though the Navy and Air Force are more likely to use the authority in the near future.

Air Force officials have pledged to drop their end strength by about 7,000 airmen by June 1, and are scheduled to trim another 2,300 in 2006. Meanwhile, Navy officials plan on reducing their sailor totals by more than 13,000 next year.

Meanwhile, the Marines plan on adding 3,000 more personnel in 2006, and the Army is scheduled to add about 30,000 soldiers over the next several years.

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# Army manual to clarify tactics for interrogations

BY TOM BOWMAN The Baltimore Sun

WASHINGTON — The Amy is putting the finishing touches on a new interrogation manual that will specifically prohibit the harsh practices that have come to light since the Abu Ghraib prison scandai, officials said. It will also highlight international treaties on humane treatment of detainees and require more oversight by commanders.

The new training manual, expected to be finished in the next two months, will specifically prohibit methods including sleep deprivation, confinement to a darkened cell, stripping prisoners and the use of police dogs, said Thomas A. Gandy, director of counterintelligence and human intelligence for the Army.

Those tactics were approved by senior Pentagon officials and top military officers, though some were later rescinded after com-

'We don't do torture,' Goss says

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — CIA Director Porter Goss on Thursday defended U.S. interrogation practices amid ongoing criticism that Americans' treatment of prisoners amounts to torture.

Testifying before the Senate Armed Services Committee, Goss said that professional interroga-

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"The U.S. government does not engage in or condone torture," Goss said.

Sen. John McCain, a former prisoner of war in Vietnam, said he was concerned about what he sees as a lack of policy on prisoners.

Goss said he believes there is a policy in the intelligence community, and where there is any uncertainty officials err on the side of caution

"We don't do torture," Goss

plaints by military lawyers. And while the methods were not included in the 13-year-old Army interrogation manual, neither were they ever specifically prohibited, leaving interrogators a great deal of leeway.

"The techniques are roughly the same" in the new manual as in the old one, Gandy said in an interview at his Pentagon office. "What's changed is you've got a very, very controlled environment for interrogations."

The various investigations into the prisoner-abuse scandal clearly showed that some military interrogators were uncertain what constituted improper behavior. Some soldiers said they didn't see abuse, said Gandy, a burly West form graduate. "But we said, What about the naked guys?"

Gandy said while the new Army training procedures have not yet been released, military intelligence soldiers already are being trained on its principles, which he said follow the Geneva Conventions.

Gandy said that includes no physical or mental torture, or any form of coercion, slapping, humiliation, striking or threatening.

The point of interrogation effort is to develop a rapport with the detainee and glean "actionable intelligence" — fresh information that can ideally prevent a bombing or reveal the whereabouts of a top insurgent or terrorist financier. "It's always been a mind game, not a physical game," said Gandy.

Accepted tactics will be carefully laid out in a classified training circular that will go to interrogators and other intelligence officials in September. Gandy said that to avoid tipping off current and future detainees, the specifics will not be made public.

"The theory is keep them uncertain about their future," said Gandy, who served in a variety of military intelligence assignments from Germany to Central Ameri-

Some tactics, such as demonstrations of force, will still be allowed with limits. For example, an interrogator can throw items — a chair or a book — against a wall to rattle a detainee and encourage him to talk. "But what I won't do is throw it by your head," Gandy explained. "One's a threat, one's a demonstration."

Some in Congress are arguing there's been too much focus on stamping out aggressive interrogation tactics and not enough on picking up actionable intelligence. Sen. Jim Talent, a Missouri Republican, said at a hearing last week that one of the tactics rejected by officials involved mild mon-injurious physical contact, such as grabbing and poking in the chest.

"If our guys want to poke somebody in the chest to get the name of a bomb maker so they can save the lives of Americans, I'm for it," he said. "Boy, at a certain point we have to introduce a note of proportion."



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Army Maj. Tammy Duckworth, who lost both legs in an RPG attack in Iraq in November, speaks with Sen. Daniel Akaka, D-Hawaii, before testifying to the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee on Thursday. At right is her husband, Capt. Bryan Bowisbey.

# Amputee seeks to make recovery, return easier

BY LEO SHANE III Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Weeks after losing both legs in an ambush in Iraq last November, Maj. Tammy Duckworth told her counselors at Walter Reed Army Medical Center she wanted to return to flying Black Hawk heliconters.

On Thursday, she spoke before a Senate panel on ways lawmakers and the Army can make achieving that goal — and helping all of the injured soldiers from the global war on terror — a little

"No one laughed at me, no one told me I was insane," she said. "There have been soldiers ahead of me who were allowed to stay in, and they told me about them.

"But there's no counselor who's saying, 'Here's what you need to do next.' You really have to make an effort if you're injured and want to stay in (the service)."

Thursday's hearing before the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee was designed to review successes and problems with post-injury care and rehabilitation.

Officials from the Government Accountability Office noted that while systems have improved the Defense Department needs to better monitor servicemembers to ensure they are receiving the care they need and are aware of the transition programs avail-

Duckworth, a Hawaii native who was serving with the Illinois National Guard, said she would like to see new technologies—things like better prosthetics and wheelchairs—available to more soldiers and more care centers, and better job counseling servic-

es for injured veterans who can't or don't want to return to duty.

"There is also room for improvement in the hand-holding process," she said. "A VA representative was speaking to my husband as I was regaining consciousness. But as you go on, you meet so many people and get so many business cards, it can be hard to sort through. There needs to be a checklist of things to look for."

Several senators expressed concerns about soldiers being assigned to care centers too far from family and friends. Sen. John Ensign, R-Nev., said his major concern is not so much with the level of care now "but in two years, three years, are we going to continue that?"

David Hosking, a counselor with the Madison (Wis.) Veterans Center, said he worries that many troops, both those injured and those who believe they've returned unaffected, don't understand the medical benefits available upon their return.

The problem, he said, is that many don't focus on information sessions presented to them because of the excitement of being home and the anticipation of reuniting with their families.

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## Shiites, Kurds make progress on coalition

## Sides continue to discuss military, territory control

BY PATRICK OUINN The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - Kurdish and Shiite politicians said Thursday they made headway in solving new dis agreements in their deal to form a coalition government, nearly seven weeks after Iraqis took to the polls, but it remained unclear when that new government would be announced.

The talks came after Iraqi legislators were sworn in Wednesday as members of the 275-seat National Assembly, vowing to up-hold freedom and democracy two vears after the fall of Saddam Hussein

Thursday's discussions focused on whether to allow the Kurdish peshmerga militia to remain in Kurdistan as part of the Iraqi security services and army, and on setting a timetable for the Kurds to assume control of oil-rich Kirkuk and allow the return of its nearly 100,000 refugees. Those conditions were included in an interim law that serves as a preliminary

"Negotiations were very constructive and the differences in the interim law and peshmerga were solved. We have agreed that some peshmerga will join the Kurdistan police and some will be part of the Iraqi army, with the same equipment and salaries and take orders from the defense ministry in Baghdad," said Azad Jundiyan, a spokesman for the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan - the political party of Jalal Talabani, who probably will become Irag's next president

"I think that the new government will be announced on March 26 after the end of Nowruz [the Persian new yearl," he said.



Iraqis look over a car that was damaged in an engagement after U.S. troops came under fire Thursday in Ramadi, Iraq, according to witnesses. A young girl standing nearby was injured and rushed to a local hospital, the witnesses said.

The interim constitution has no set time limit on forming the government after the National Ass bly convenes. But once it elects a president with a two-thirds majority, a prime minister must be chosen within two weeks.

Earlier, a member of the Shiite-dominated United Iraqi Alliance said there was agreement on issues such as the peshmerga, and more talks would be held.

"The army units in Kurdistan will be mixed and follow the orders of the central government. As for the police force they will be formed from the people of Kurdistan," Ali al-Dabagh said.

President Bush called the session a "bright moment" for Iraq but added there was no timetable for withdrawing U.S. troops. Also Thursday, insurgents fired

a mortar at a central Baghdad hotel housing Western journalists, but hotel employees said the round caused minor damage and no injuries

Police near the southern city of Basra discovered the bodies of three men and one woman whose hands were bound and who were shot in the head. Danish troops blocked off the road around the area, and the identities of the four was unclear

The U.S. military said it had rescued a hostage and detained two Iraqi men during a raid late Wednesday near Beiji, 155 miles north of Baghdad. The statement did not identify the hostage further, saying only that he had been a "kidnap victim.

In Kirkuk, gunmen late Wednes day shot dead a police brigadier who was head of the northern city's criminal investigations department, said Kirkuk police chief Maj. Gen. Torhan Abdul Rahman.

Also Wednesday, a U.S. soldier died in a roadside bomb blast south of Baghdad, the military said, while a car bomb northeast of the capital killed four Iraqis and injured 15.

Meanwhile, outgoing U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte flew out of Iraq on Thursday after a nearly nine-month stint to return to the United States, the U.S. Embassy said. Charge d'affaires James F. Jeffrey will assume re-

family member

of a bomb blast

outside the local

Afghanistan, The

victim mourns

hospital

Thursday in

Kandahar.

## U.S. deaths in Iraq

As of Wednesday, at least 1,517 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,156 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defense Department. The figures include four military civilians.

The British military has reported 86 deaths; Italy, 20; Ukraine, 18: Poland, 17: Spain, 11; Bulgaria, eight; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary, Kazakhstan and Latvia one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,379 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 1,047 deaths re-sulting from hostile action, according to the military's num-

Since the start of U.S. military operations in Iraq, 11,285 IIS servicemembers have been wounded, according to a Defense Department tally released March 8. There was no update this week

The latest deaths reported by the military:

A U.S. soldier died Wednesday of injuries from an explosion south of Baghdad.

The latest identifications reported by the military: ■ None reported.

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Negroponte has been nominated by Bush to be the U.S. director of national intelligence.

## Bomb kills five, injures 32 in Afghanistan Denmark's troops will

KABUL, Afghanistan - A bomb exploded near a taxi carrying women and children in the southern city of Kandahar on Thursday, killing at least five people and wounding 32, while visiting Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said the United States erred by not doing more for Afghanistan after the Soviets withdrew in 1989

Police blamed Taliban-led militants for the attack that hit the passing taxi, a roadside restaurant and other bystanders in downtown Kandahar, but a purported Taliban spokesman denied responsibility. Rice was in the capital, Kabul, about 280 miles to the north, at

The attack broke a relative bill in violence in Afghanistan and could shake U.S. military confidence that the resistance by Taliban militants is fading.

President Hamid Karzai condemned the attack as a terrorist act by "enemies of Afghanistan." but insisted security was improving



Taliban denied involvement in the blast.

However, he said Afghan parliamenta ry elections originally scheduled for May will be delayed until September, nearly four years after the fall of the Tali-

Rice said the United States would support Afghanistan as it prepares for the vote and called its re-emergence from years of war an inspiration

American forces in Kandahar helped cordon off the area around the attack in a busy commercial district.

Mullah Hakim Latifi, who claims to speak for the Taliban, denied the movement was behind the attack. In a phone call to The Associated Press, he described the victims as "innocent people of Afghanistan."

## stav in Iraq, PM savs

BAGHDAD - Denmark will likely keep its 530 troops in Iraq until the country's nascent armed forces and police are capable of taking over security, Prime Minister Anders Fogh Ras-mussen said Thursday.

On a surprise visit to Baghdad, Fogh Rasmussen said his country and other NATO nations would help train Iraqi forces to help lay the groundwork for an eventual withdrawal of multinational troops. "Denmark will assist the Iraqi people in differ-

ent ways, in ensuring security and stability, in training of security forces, in reconstruction and economic development," he said.

Denmark has been a staunch supporter of the U.S.-led efforts in Iraq, and Danish lawmakers will in June decide whether to extend the country's mission in the country for another six months.

The country has 530 troops stationed in the southern Iraqi city of Basra as part of a roughly 170,000-troop coalition made up mostly of U.S.

## IN THE WORLD

## Rice: Pakistan on 'a democratic path'

BY ANNE GEARAN The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan -Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice on Thursday called on Pakistan to continue down "a democratic path" that will lead to free and fair elections in 2007, but also praised the nation's military president for his courage in the war on

"This is not the Pakistan of Sept. 11. It is not even the Paki-stan of 2002," Rice said at a news

Rice declined to comment directly on whether President Gen. Pervez Musharraf, who seized power in a 1999 coup, should give up his control of the armed forces and become a civilian leader. But she did say that Washington took democratic progress seriously.

"We did talk about the need for democratic reforms in Pakistan," Rice said. "We continue to work with Pakistan and we look for-



ward to the evolution of a democratic path toward elections in

Rice lauded Pakistan for its help in the war on terror, and for helping promote stability in neighboring Afghanistan. Al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden is believed to be hiding along the border with Afghanistan

Musharraf earlier this week said his forces had come close to catching bin Laden last year, but that the trail has since grown cold. Pakistan has handed over hundreds of other suspects to the United States, including several senior al-Qaida leaders.

a joint news conference Thursday with Pakistan's Foreign Minister Khursheed Kasuri at Foreign Ministry in Islamabad. Pakistan. Rice praised the nation's military nresident for his courage in the war on terrorism.

Rice, right, addresses

Rice met with Musharraf and Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz on Wednesday, before heading to Afghanistan for a whistlestop visit. Rice - who has already visited

- returned to Pakistan Thursday afternoon for meetings with her counterpart. Foreign Minister Khursheed Kasuri, and

Kasuri strongly defended his country's democratic credentials, saving Pakistan has the freest media in Asia, a significant number of women in government and takes extra precaution to defend the rights of minorities

During her trip to Afghanistan, Rice praised Afghan efforts to clamp down on the heroin trade and Afghan President Hamid Karzai predicted drug production will drop significantly this year.

In a March 4 report, the State Department said that more than three years after installing a pro-U.S. government. Afghanistan has been unable to contain opium poppy production and is on the verge of becoming a narcotics state.

Rice also applauded Afghan steps toward democracy, including presidential elections that marked the first time many Afghans had ever cast votes and said the United States will not abandon the country.

## South Korea blasts Japan's claim to islets

BY BURT HERMAN The Associated Press

SEOUL - South Korea on Thursday blasted Japan's territorial claim to a disputed group of islets and vowed to defend its sovereignty, while media renorts said South Korean backers may have targeted the Japanese Foreign Ministry's Web site as part of that dispute.

The developments come during a week in which the territorial dispute over the rocky outcroppings - called Dokdo in Korea and Takeshima in Japan escalated to the point where two South Korean protesters cut off their fingers and one tried to leap into a bonfire.

Tempers flared after a local Japanese assembly designated a special day to commemorate Tokyo's claim to the uninhabited islets.

Though the measure was only symbolic, it stirred deep-rooted Korean sentiments against Japan. Japan ruled the Korean Peninsula as a colony from 1910 until its World War II defeat in 1945

The islets are surrounded by rich fishing grounds South Korea keeps a small detachment of police on the islands, effectively controlling them, and said Wednesday it would open them to more visitors

After South Korea's National Security Council met to discuss the dispute. Unification Minister Chung Dong-young read a nationally televised statement saving the issue goes beyond who owns the is-

"The recent series of actions by Japan makes us wonder whether Japan has an intention to coexist with its neighbors as a peaceful force in Northeast Asia," Chung said. "This is not just an issue of territorial rights but an action tantamount to denying the history of Korea's liberation and justifying Japan's nast invasion of Korea.

South Koreans have burned Japanese flags and shouted insults in daily protests, which continued Thursday at the Japanese Embassy in central Seoul. In previous days, a man jumped into a fire in an ap-



South Korean war veterans burn Japanese flags during a rally in front of Japanese Embassy in Seoul. The veterans, wearing headbands reading "Protect Dokdo," are opposed to Japan's claims over the disputed islets, known as Dokdo. The volcanic islets. Incated about 55 miles east of South Korea's Ullung Island, are known as Takeshima in Japan.

parent attempt to burn himself but was stopped by police, and two demonstrators each cut off a finger. Japan's Foreign Ministry said Thursday its official Web site was attacked by unknown hackers sending massive amounts of data to the server, par-

Officials were investigating but that there was no indication the hackers had accessed sensitive data. a spokeswoman said.

tially disabling it

Kvodo News agency, citing a government source, reported that there was unconfirmed information showing that a South Korean Web site was claiming responsibility.

## U.S. won't criticize China's human rights

BY ALEXANDER G. HIGGINS The Associated Press

GENEVA - The Bush administration will not propose a U.N. resolution critical of China's human rights policy this year because of recent "positive steps" by Beijing, U.S. officials said Thurs-

The decision removes one of the major flash points of the annual six-week session of the 53-nation U.N. Human Rights Commission, which began Monday.

"In the past year China has taken several steps which we have been seeking in some cases for many years, and accordingly we've decided not to table a resolution on China considering these positive steps," one said. The officials, from the Ameri-

can mission to U.N. organizations in Geneva, said U.S. representatives advised other delegations of the decision Thursday morning. They spoke on condition of ano-

The announcement came more than two weeks after the U.S. Department's human rights survey accused China's communist government of persecuting dissidents and religious activists and torturing and mistreating prison inmates.

China fired back by issuing a report denouncing the United States for offenses ranging from allowing crime and poverty at home to abuses at the Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq

The U.S. officials did not elaborate on the reason for the decision but said more details were expected to be disclosed in Washington later Thursday, when As-sistant Secretary of State Michael Kozak briefs the House Interna tional Relations Committee. They stressed that the United States re mained concerned about China's human rights record, but they knew of no other country plan ning to offer a resolution on

## Taiwan to march against China

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador - Taiwanese Vice President Annette Lu on Wednesday announced a massive public march to protest China's authorization of the use of military force against Taiwan during a visit to El Salvador

China enshrined into law on Monday its frequent threats to attack Taiwan if the self-ruled island pursues formal indepen-

"On March 26 we will have a gigantic demonstration through the streets of Taipei, whose purpose will be to call the world's atTaiwan is a country that wants and loves peace and liberty." Lu said during a news conference.

Lu made her comments during a four-day visit to El Salva-dor on a trip aimed at reaching out to long-standing allies in Central America.
Though democratic Taiwan is

self-governing, communist Beijing insists the island is part of China. The two sides split amid civil war in 1949 and Beijing has since refused to have ties with any government that recognizes Taiwan.

From The Associated Press

## **Dublin revelers relish St. Patrick's parade**

BY SHAWN POGATCHNIK

The Associated Press

DUBLIN, Ireland - An estimated 500,000 people watched Ireland's major St. Patrick's Day parade Thursday, a Dublin extravaganza of artistic skills that featured towering butterflies and teens dressed as mad professors

The parade, the centerpiece of a five-day festival culminating this weekend with Europe's biggest annual fireworks show, involved about 3,000 locals in brightly colored costumes and a half-dozen marching bands from Ireland and the United States

Several floats had to be shortened, or partly deflated, so that they could clear the overhead power lines of Dublin's new light rail network.

It cuts across O'Connell Street, the capital's major thoroughfare, where crowds stood 10 deep to watch the passing spectacle.

While the midday parade passed in a jovial, family-friendly atmosphere, police were braced for probable alcohol-fueled trouble in the afternoon and evening.

The aftermath of last year's Dublin parade turned ugly, with police arresting 47 people for disorderly behavior, vandalism or assault. Downtown Dublin streets in the evening featured crowds of drunken youths hurling abusive language and scuffling with one another

Michael Conaghan, Dublin's lord mayor, led this year's parade, but expressed disappointment that liquor stores had refused his request to stay closed until 6 p.m.

for drinking in the street had produced "an air of menace" after last year's parade

Dublin's public hospitals also predicted they would suffer their worst overcrowding of the year this weekend, with 12-hour waits likely for non-emergency cases

Most of Ireland's leaders missed the Dublin festivities as usual in favor of promoting Irish interests overseas.

Prime Minister Bertie Ahern was the guest of President Bush while President Mary McAleese was touring Japan

"As our global Irish family and friends celebrate this day through the expression of our culture and heritage in our language, literature, games, poetry, music and dance, I hope that the legacy of St. Patrick will long encourage us to treasure our strong community spirit and tradition of welcome and care for one another," McAleese said in her traditional message on St. Patrick's Day, a national holiday in Ireland

Several other cities and towns across this republic of 3.9 million people mounted their own parades, including in the second-largest city of Cork, this year's European City of Culture

In Limerick, parade organizers emphasized Ireland's increasing status as a destination for immigrants from eastern Europe and Africa.

The shortest parade - in the village of Dripsey, County Cork — was just 25 yards long.



No one but the good saint himself could lead the St. Patrick's Day parade down O'Connell Street in Dublin, Ireland, on Thursday,

## Koizumi denies delay on lifting beef ban

The Associated Press

TOKYO - Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi on Thursday denied that Japan is stalling on a decision to lift its han on U.S. heef imports, amid mounting pressure from Washington for Tokyo to move faster.

U.S. lawmakers have warned of possible sanctions in retaliation against Tokyo's 15-month ban, imposed over mad cow dis-

President Rush telephoned Koizumi last week to ask him to expedite a resumption of imports, and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice was due in Tokyo this week to apply more pressure.

But Koizumi said Japan is not

"[The pressure] is largely America's own issue. Japan is not deliberately delaying resumption of U.S. beef imports," Koizumi told a parliamentary committee on foreign and defense affairs.

"If there is a misunderstanding in the United States, we'll have to straighten that up.'

Japan banned U.S. beef imports in December 2003 after the discovery of the United States first case of mad cow disease

Washington has been steadily pushing Tokyo to drop the ban, and Japan's Food Safety Commission is considering the issue

On Thursday, Koizumi denied Japan is putting off the decision in a bid to protect domestic beef growers

eat safe beef, but the safety should be judged by scientific knowledge, not a political decision," Koizumi said

"If the beef is safe, we want to eat it, whether it is raised in America or wherever

Koizumi said he has explained this to Bush and will keep trying when Rice arrives Friday as part of a tour of Asia.

Tokyo is unlikely to tell Rice exactly when U.S. beef will be allowed back into Japan's market, Koizumi told reporters. "At this point, we cannot offer a timetable or set a date," he said.

Japan requires testing of all beef products for the fatal, brain-wasting disease, but the United States does not require

Crude futures hit new high — above \$57 a barrel

sisted Japanese calls to adopt the policy, saving it is costly and unreliable at detecting infections in voung cows. Japan's food safety board is

considering waiving tests for cattle aged 20 months or younger. Scientists believe the proteins associated with mad cow disease, also called bovine spongiform encephalopathy, do not accumulate in cows that young.

Last month, a Japanese government panel backed a U.S. proposal to exempt younger cows from

The Food Safety Commission is nearing a consensus on relaxing domestic beef testing standards, a condition to start more rounds of discussions on the safety of U.S. beef imports.



Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi says Japan is not dragging its feet on a decision to lift its han on U.S. heef imports. Japan requires testing all beef for mad cow disease.

## N. Korea's executions

TOKYO — A firing squad fires a few shots. In the distance, the blurry North Korean figures condemned to die for attempting to escape the totalitarian nation slump over, lifeless.

Japanese media company said Thursday it has obtained footage of two sessions of public executions they say were carried out in North Korea on March 1-2. Nippon Television Network Corp. broadcast portions of the tape Wednesday. South Korean activists have asserted the totalitarian state carries out the killings to terits citizens into remaining within its borders.

The blurry film, apparently

from a hidden camera, appeared to show two people being shot in Hoeryong town near the border with China on March 1

From The Associated Press

The Associated Press

LONDON - Crude oil futures prices soared above \$57 a barrel for the first time Thursday after OPEC's pledge to increase output failed to assure traders who were worried about tight supply.

Light, sweet crude for April delivery rose 39 cents to \$56.85 a barrel in early trade on the New York Mercantile Exchange, after reaching as high as \$57.50 over-

Heating oil rose more than 2 cents to \$1.6145 a gallon. Brent crude also reached new highs, hitting \$56.15 a barrel before edging back. In afternoon trading it was up 83 cents to \$55.71 on the International Petroleum Exchange.

In a monthly report released Thursday, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries warned that economic growth in the United States, China and Japan would push demand for its oil even higher in the second half of this year

It also said it was unclear what impact the resulting price increases could have

"Oil prices rose further in March and the capacity of consumers and companies to absorb such increases is a further uncertainty," OPEC said.

OPEC members meeting in Iran on Wednesday agreed to boost the group's output quota by

500,000 barrels a day, or 1.9 percent

The market was unimpressed with the decision, because members of the oil cartel who are supposedly bound by its production quota are already exceeding the previous ceiling by about 700,000 barrels a day - meaning no extra supply will actually be added.

OPEC President Sheik Ahmed

Fahd Al Ahmed Al Sahah also said the additional barrels may not come until May, since members are already supplying more than planned.

"This is not about lowering prices. It's about stopping them skyrocketing," Yasser Elguindi of New York-based Medley Global Advisers said on the International Oil Daily Web site. "We are going to be either side of \$50 with spikes to around \$60.

Bruce Evers, an analyst with Investec Securities, said traders are convinced the announcement "won't be enough and it's going to leave the supply side of the equation very stretched."

With capacity so tight and demand expected to increase later in the year when winter hits, an unforeseen supply disruption like a had hurricane season in the Gulf of Mexico or political instability in Nigeria or Venezuela could send prices even higher, he warned.

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## Jury Duty 101: Japan plans judicial reform

BY KENJI HALL The Associated Press

TOKYO — They tried on the black robes, sat in the high-backed chairs, and asked about everything from what to wear

asked about everything from what to wear to how long they'd be away from work. It was just the basics for Japan's opening

day of Jury Duty 101.

Organized by the Justice Ministry, Wednesday's seminar at a Tokyo courthouse offered the public its first chance to find out about jury trials, being introduced as part of the country's most drastic judicial reforms since World War II.

At present, Japan's courts don't use juries and rely instead on a panel of three judges to preside over trials. The new system, expected to start by

2009, would let Japanese be jurors, giving them the right to determine guilt or innocence in serious criminal cases.
"We want the public to feel they are part

"We want the public to feel they are part of the judicial process," court justice Kazunori Karei told some 50 participants.

Takashi Fujinami, 60, thinks that's a positive step.

"I've only seen the courts on TV. Juries would make me pay more attention to trials," said Fujinami, a small business

Under legislation approved by parliament in 2004, registered Japanese voters 20 years or older would be chosen by lot-tery to sit on a six-person jury for trials at any of Japan's 50 district, or lower, courts. Exemptions will be granted for religious beliefs, child care and illness, but other details, such as stipends, are still being worked out.



Japanese college students, from left, Kureha Tsukamoto, Naoko Tateyama, and Kaori Nijikubo, all age 21, try on the black robes worn by judges as they participate in a seminar, organized by the Justice Ministry, at a Tokyo courthouse Wednesday. The seminar offered the public its first chance to find out about jury trials being introduced as part of Japan's most drastic judicial reforms since World War II.

Other reforms are expected to boost the ranks of Japan's 20,000 judges, lawyers and prosecutors, which have been limited by the bar exam's tough requirements.

The changes should help shorten trials, which only are held about once a month and can plod on for years, Karei said.

Human rights groups say they hope the

reforms also will bring fairness and more transparency to the justice system. They have criticized police and prosecutors for interrogating suspects without defense lawyers present.

That's a concern because verdicts often hinge on a crime suspect's written confession, and 9p percent of criminal cases brought to trial end with a conviction, said Kenta Yamada, a lawyer and director at the Japan Civil Liberties Union.

"The new system should ensure the rights of defendants," Yamada said. For instance, defense lawyers would be able to see the evidence against a client before a trial starts, which they can't do now, he said.

Yamada also expressed concern about restrictions that prevent participants from publicly discussing the trial even after it's over.

Still, Japan's jury system will differ from other countries'.

Japanese jurors will participate in trials of serious crimes, such as murders, arson, child abuse and hit-and-run traffic accidents. They will sit alongside judges at a semicircular bench at the front of the courtroom, and will vote together with judges on verdicts and sentencing. Decisions will be reached by majority.

By contrast, in the United States and Britain, jurous can take part in either civil or criminal cases and usually sit at the side of the courtroom, away from the judge. Their job is to determine guilt or innocence in both types of trials, but they also decide on damages in civil cases.





## IN THE STATES

# Congress weighs in on Florida's right-to-die case

By JESSE J. HOLLAND
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress was immersed Thursday in the controversy over removing the feeding tube from a brain-damaged Florida woman whose husband has been given permission by a state court to let her die.

by a state court to let her die.
Within hours of the Republican-controlled House's passage
of a bill to block the removal of
Terri Schiavo's feeding tube, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist,
R-Tenn, announced the Senate
would take up a seperate bill to
address the situation before leaving for its Easter recess on Friday.

"The question is, should we allow her to be starved to death?" Frist said Thursday in a Senasty sepech. "It has to do with the culture of life. And I believe this body is going to have to speak on this particular matter before we leave."

Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid of Nevada said he sees potential problems with the legislation, but said he was willing to work with the Republicans to try and resolve them.

At the White House, press secretary Scott McClellan said the case raises "a lot of complex issues" and declined to comment on specific legislation. But he said

Bush "stands on the side of defending life." Schiavo's husband has battled

her parents over his efforts to allow her to die, which he contends she would prefer rather than live in a vegetative state.

On Thursday, Schiavo's parents, Bob and Mary Schiadler, filed an emergency motion at the Supreme Court to stop the removal at of her feeding tube so lower courts can consider whether their daughter's religious freedom and due process rights have been violated.

In Florida, the state House passed a bill Thursday that could keep Terri Schiavo alive. The House bill blocks the withholding of food and water from patients in a persistent vegetative state who didn't leave specific instructions refusing the artificial measure. It passed 78-35 is a specific passed 78-35 is a specifi

The Senate was expected to take up its own bill later in the day, and the differences between the two bills could be impossible to reconcile before Friday, some legislators have said.

The bill in the U.S. House passed on a voice vote. It would move such a case to federal court. Federal judges have twice turned down efforts by the parents to move the case out of Florida courts, citing a lack of jurisdiction.



President Bush welcomes Ireland's Prime Minister Bertie Ahern, left, during the traditional Saint Patrick's Day celebration in the Roosevelt Room of the White House in Washington, Thursday. Both leaders made remarks on the peace process in Northern Ireland and Islaed of their countries' shared history.

## Bush advocates peace in Ireland

BY NEDRA PICKLER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush told the family of slain Irishman Robert McCartney that he would do whatever he can to help bring his killers to justice, his sisters said after a St. Patrick's Day meeting with the president in the White House.

McCartney was beaten and stabbed to death outside a Belfast pub on Jan. 30. His family blames the outlawed Irish Republican Army for his death and is calling for charges to be brought against about 12 people they say were responsible.

McCartney's five sisters and his fiancée met Bush for a few minutes during a St. Patrick's Day reception Thursday at the White House to ask him to use his influence on the case. One of the sitters, Catherine McCartney, told reporters afterward that Bush knew the details of her brother's death and said he supports their cause, although he didn't say exactly what he would do to help.

"We pressed on the president the importance of getting justice for Robert, and he said he's 100 percent behind our campaign," Catherine McCartney said, standing outside the White House gate with the rest of her sisters and her late brother's fine see

her late brother's fiancée.
The sisters are hoping that public support in the United States for their cause will spur Sinn Fein and the IRA to encourage witnesses to offer evidence directly to Northern Ireland's police force. The Sinn Fein-IRA movement, which rejects police authority, instead has

cized policy in Northern Ireland.
Before meeting with the McCartneys, Bush received a bowl
of shamrocks in a public ceremony with Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern. Bush pledged to help
the Irish people move toward a

advised witnesses to offer state-

ments to lawyers, a widely criti-

lasting agreement in Northern Ireland peace process.

"As you work for peace, our government and the American people will stand with you," Bush

Because of the allegations about the IRA's involvement in McCartney's death and a bank heist on Dec. 20, Bush did not invite Northern Ireland political leaders who attended for 10 years, including Gerry Adams, head of Sinn Fein, the legal political arm of the IRA.

"There is no place for the violence and the thuggery and the criminality," White House press secretary Scott McClellan said of the IRA. "The president made

that clear."

Ahern said renewed power-sharing in Northern Ireland between Protestant leaders and Sinn Fein, the major Catholic-backed party, required the IRA to deliver a definitive closure to paramilitary capability and activity, including all forms of criminality."

## Former Jackson housekeeper testifies

By TIM MOLLOY

The Associated Press

SANTA MARIA, Calif. — A former housekeeper at Michael Jackson's Neverland ranch testified Thursday in the singer's child molestation trial that the pop star had close friendships with several boys from ages 10 to 14 and that she saw children she believed to be intoxicated at the estate.

Kiki Fournier also said children who remained at Neverland anywhere from a few days to months at a time would sometimes stay in Jackson's room, and she described kids running wild without parental supervision and little discipline from Jackson, being permitted to stay up late, eat candy, watch movies and play games.

"They would get in candy-throwing fights in the theater," she said, describing how she nicknamed Neverland "Pinocchio's Pleasure Island."

"Sometimes they would get pretty rowdy. ... He did let them have a free hand, so to say. They could get pretty rambunctious."

Jackson's accuser and his brother were among the children who became wilder the longer they stayed at Neverland, Fournier said.

She said that initially the accuser was very polite but she soon noticed that the room he shared with his brother was increasingly dirty.

Asked by prosecutor Gordon Auchincloss if she had ever seen children who appeared to be intoxicated, Fournier said, "I can't say for sure how many

times, but I've seen it a couple of times."

The witness later clarified that it was about three or four times.

She said she once served dinner to Jackson and about four children, three of whom appeared to be intoxicated.

Fournier said she stopped working at Neverland soon after that dinner in September 2003 but did not testify about her reasons for leaving.

She also said the children who stayed there included actor Macaulay Culkin and Frank Cascio, who became a Jackson employee when he became an adult and is named by the prosecution as an unindicted co-conspirator in the case against the pop star.

## Lil' Kim convicted of lying to federal court

By LARRY NEUMEISTER
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Rap diva Lil' Kim was convicted Thursday of lying to a federal grand jury about

a shooting outside a radio station.

Lil' Kim and her assistant were both convicted of perjury and conspiracy but acquitted of obstruction of justice. The defendants had faced up to 30 years in prison if convicted of all the charges.

The 29-year-old former sidekick of the late Notorious B.I.G., known for her revealing outfits and raunchy raps, testified that she did not notice two close friends at the scene of the 2001 shootout — her manager, Damion Butler, and Suif "Gutta" Jackson. Both men have since pleaded

guilty to gun charges.

Witnesses at the trial included Antoine "Banger" Spain and James "Lil' Cease" Lloyd, who once teamed with Lil' Kim in the group Junior M.A.F.I.A. They testified that Butler and Jackson were at WQHT—the rap station known as Hot 97 — with Lil' Kim.

The jury also saw security photos taken at

tos taken at the station showing Butler opening a door for Lil' Kim.

Defense lawyer Mel Sachs argued that Lil' Kim had no reason to protect Butler and Jack-

son because she had already eliminated them

LiP Kim

from her life.

Both defendants shook their heads as the verdicts were delivered. Lil' Kim's supporters broke out in sobs.

The shootout occurred when Lil' Kim's entourage crossed paths with a rival rap group, Capone-N-Noreaga. One man was injured as more than two dozen rounds were fired on the side-walk.

## BTK suspect Rader was airman on Okinawa

BY ROXANA HEGEMAN The Associated Press

WICHITA, Kan. \_ The man who authorities believe is the BTK serial killer reached the rank of sergeant in the Air Force and earned medals, including ones for good conduct and marksmanship, military records show.

Dennis Rader, 60, is accused of committing 10 murders between 1974 and 1991 in the Wichita area. He allegedly coined the nickname that stood for his killing method, "Bind, Torture, Kill," authorities have said

According to records, obtained by the AP through a Freedom of Information request, Rader's tour

of duty took him to bases throughout the United States and over-



fense Service Medal.

reached the rank of sergeant and was awarded the Air Force Good Conduct Medal, the Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon and the National De-

clean cut.... He did well," said Ursula Soto with the National Personnel Records Center in St Louis. "He was just a regular sol-

Rader went through basic training in Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio and later attended technical school at Shennard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas. It is unlikely he left those bases much, if at all, during train-

In February 1967, he was stationed at Brookley Air Force Base in Mobile, Ala., where he worked on antenna system installation and maintenance, his records show. In January 1968, Rader

was based at Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, and months later went to Tachikawa Air Base in Japan.

His last assignment was in Denver, where his reserve unit was headquartered, but Rader was never actually based there. Soto

Rader's military record has been the subject of intense interest since Charlie Otero told The Associated Press in December that he believed his parents and two siblings were strangled by BTK in 1974 because of something his father did while serving

On Jan. 15, 1974, three children of Joseph and Julie Otero came home from school to find their par-

in the Air Force

ents and two other siblings dead at the family's Wichita home.

Charlie Otero was convinced his father knew the killer because he had been acting strangely to protect the family in the days before the killings. He did not imme.

diately return a message left Wednesday seeking comment. Police in Mobile are now trying to find old case files to see if any unsolved murders match the BTK killings.

Eric Gallichant a nolice snokes man, said it could take weeks to find and look through files that are more than 30 years old.

"In Wichita, the BTK killer was a big deal ... but here in Mobile obviously we had no way of knowing there was a connection," he said

## 'Person of interest' arrested in case of missing Florida girl

The Associated Press

HOMOSASSA, Fla. - A registered sex offender who was being sought for questioning in the disap-pearance of a 9-year-old girl was taken into custody by deputies in Georgia on Thursday, officials said. The sheriff's office in Richmond County, Ga.,

placed John Evander Couey under arrest because he didn't notify Florida officials that he was leaving the state, a requirement for sex offenders, said Ronda Hemminger Evan, spokeswoman for the Cit-rus County sheriff's office. She had no details about Couey's arrest but said he would be questioned in the disappearance of Jessica Lunsford.

"Our investigators are en route to speak with him." Evan said.

Couey, 46, was described by authorities as a "per-son of interest" in the search for Jessica Lunsford. who vanished from her bedroom Feb. 23. Couev lived near her home before he left for Georgia without telling authorities officials said

Authorities had said Wednesday they had issued two arrest warrants for Couey — one on a probation violation, the other on his failure to notify them of his move

Investigators "may take him out of the picture" once they interview him, Citrus County Sheriff Jeff Dawsy said. Couey already had been questioned by police in Georgia over the weekend, and "he is get-



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Richmond County, Ga., police arrested John Evander Couey, left, on charges unrelated to his status as a "person of interest" in the disappearance of Jessica Lunsford, right. Nine-year-old Jessica was last seen at her Homosassa Springs, Fla., home on Feb. 23.

ting more and more interesting to us as time as goes Dawsy said.

A spokesman for police in Savannah, Ga., where Couey had been interviewed earlier, said he was ar-

rested near a Salvation Army in Augusta, Ga. Couey's home in Homosassa is about 2 miles from Jessica's, but he also sometimes stayed with his half sister who lives within "eyeshot" of her house,

Mark Lunsford, Jessica's father, said Wednesday that the family didn't know Couey. "It's someone nobody has seen before," he said. "I know my daughter doesn't go with strangers. So I just don't see it." Couey's criminal record includes arrests for bur-

glary, carrying a concealed weapon and indecent exposure. In 1991, he was arrested in Kissimmee on a charge of fondling a child under age 16. Records don't show how the case was resolved

## Arrest made in alleged plot to abduct Letterman baby

BY JOHN MACDONALD The Associated Press

HELENA, Mont. - Authorities have arrested a man on allegations he was plotting to kidnap David Letterman's young son and nanny from the talk-show host's Montana

lander, spokeswoman for the Montana Department of Corrections. identified

Sally Hi-

the suspect as Kelly A. Frank.



Two spokesmen for Letterman

in New York did not immediately return telephone calls seeking

Mike Ferriter of the state Department of Corrections said Frank, 43, was arrested Sunday in Cascade County and arraigned Thursday.

He had been working as a painter at Letterman's ranch west of Choteau in northcentral Montana Ferriter said

"An individual was approached by Mr. Frank, an acquaintance of some kind, about his thought on the kidnapping, and [Frank] shared his idea with this individu al," Ferriter said. "I'm not sure if he asked him to assist or be a part of it. " Letterman's girlfriend. Regina Lasko, gave birth to their son on Nov. 3, 2003. Letterman said that the boy, his first child, was named after his late father. Harry Joseph Letterman.

The comedian who hosts CBS' Show" bought 2,700-acre ranch in 1999.

## Scott Peterson becomes a dead man walking

escorted Thursday by two San Mateo County, Calif., sheriff's deputies as he is walked to a wait ing van for transportation from the jail to death row at San Quentin State Prison. Peterson was sentenced to die for murdering his pregnant wife, Laci, and their unborn son. Peterson is the 644th prisoner awaiting execution at the infamous lockup overlooking the bay where the bodies of his wife and their son were found four months after the Christmas Eve 2002 disappearance

Convicted murderer Scott Peterson is



## Suspect's son was born days before courthouse shootings are the most

The Associated Press

ATLANTA - Brian Nichols felt blessed when he found out his girlfriend was pregnant with their son, and the woman said he repeatedly told her he wanted to he with the child Three days after the boy was

born. Nichols allegedly went on a crime spree at the courthouse where he was on trial for rape, leaving an Atlanta judge and three others dead.

'I do know that he wanted to be with the baby. He did speak about all the time," said Sonya Meredith, the mother of the baby hoy She said Nichols made those statements in the days and weeks leading up to the shootings.

Meredith's statements and tran scripts from Nichols' rape trial



week's shooting spree. Prosecutors have suggested Nichols was worried about being convicted but have not

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revealed a detailed motive. The development about a possi-

ble motive came as the doctor for a deputy allegedly attacked by Nichols said the officer has no memory of the assault. Cynthia Hall's amnesia could subside as her brain injury heals, doctors

## Gaelic enjoys rebirth

BY TOM COYNE

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — In English-speaking Ireland, the Gaelic language is viewed by many citizens as an all-but-dead language that should be allowed to fade into oblivion.

But at the University of Notre Dame, where students pay nearly \$40,000 a year to attend, the little-used language is enjoying a renaissance.

"There are a lot of kids here who are the grandchildren of the very successful and the very rich, and their grandparents were taught to forget about their lirish past," said Eamonn O Ciardha, program director at Notre Dame's Keough Institute for Insis about their larguage, they want to know about their larguage, they want to know about their history, they want to know about their history, they want to know about their bistory.

The institute, established in 1993, allows students to examine everything from the language to Irish history and dance.

It also does a good job of integrating Irish and American perspectives, said John P. Harrington, president of the American Conference for Irish Stud-

"They've done a good job of creating Irish studies as a genuinely international subject area, which is what it is," Harrington

This year, 882 undergraduates are taking at least one class in Irish studies, including 1S5 in Irish language, formally known as Gaelic. That's up from 2002-03, when 150 students enrolled in Irish studies classes and 96 students signed up for Irish language.

O Ciardha said many Irish readily gave up their language when they arrived in America.

"We left our language on Ellis Island," O Ciardha said. "It was part of the trauma of the famine and the fact that, for generations before the famine, the Irish people had been told that their language was barbaric, that it was a badge of stupidity and ignorance and that it was no good for them anywhere else in the world."

But O Ciardha believes the Irish language will survive. "The death of the Irish lan-

"The death of the Irish language has been foretold since the 1840s, but it's still hanging in there." he said.



New York City Police Officer Bill Donahue plays the bass drum as the NYPD pipe and drums group warms up

for the St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York on Thursday.

# Parade traditions persist: Plenty of green, protesters

BY SAM DOLNICK The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The St. Patrick's Day Parade kicked off Thursday with a sea of green revelers along Fifth Avenue, but the storied celebration would not be itself without a bit of friction.

This year, the ever-present gay and lesbian demonstrators were joined by firefighters protesting a new dress code.

But holiday pride was undaunted by any controversy along the parade route, because the Irish can turn anything into cause for merriment, said Dorinne Auriemma, a reveler wearing a Notre Dame sweatshirt with a green and white hat

"Nobody celebrates like the Irish," she said. "When you come from an Irish family, you learn to celebrate everything, even

Along the parade, the loudest cheers erupted for the "Fighting 69th," the New York National Guard's 69th Infantry Regiment that has lost several men in Iraq. Among those killed was Bronx firefighter Chris Engeldrum, who died in a madside hombing attack

last November.

Uptown, hundreds of firefighters were expected to skip the parade and watch from the sidelines

ASK US WHY
WERE NOT

Firefighter Tom Martin, with Engine 60 in Bronx, N.Y., unfolds a protest sign before the start of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York on Thursday. At issue was a ban on firefighters wearing green berets in the parade.

in protest of a Fire Department order prohibiting members from wearing their customary green be-

The Fire Department issued an order on March 4 declaring that only the blue dress uniform, including the official uniform can

could be worn during the parade. The order banned the green berets, a tradition that dates back more than 30 years.

Fire Commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta defended the rule Wednesday, arguing that "a proper dress code must be adhered to."

"Every member of the Fire Department should wear his or her uniform with pride and respect," Scoppetta said. "It's about respecting the uniform and the position you hold, both of which should not be taken for granted."

In protest, firefighters said they would gather along the parade route at the steps of the Metropolitan Museum of Art to "support our brothers and sisters as they march." said Lt. Eddie Boles of

the 14th Battalion in the Bronx.

A few blocks past the start of the route in midtown, demonstrators gathered to protest organizers' longstanding refusal to allow lesbians and gays from marching in the parade under their own ban-

Calling the event a "parade of hate," Johnfrancis Mulligan, 35, stood holding a sign that read "No city money for homophobia."

"It's important to let all the spectators know what they're participating in and draw attention to the religious right's takeover of the parade," he said.

## Web site spotlights 'missing' Irish ads

The Associated Press

BOSTON — The luck of the Irish isn't apparent in many of the ads in the "Missing Friends" column that ran in The Boston Pilot, the Roman Catholic newspaper in the city, from 1831 to 1921.

Irish immigrants used the ads to locate loved ones after they became separated in their journeys to America. Some were looking for a spouse who skipped town, while others sought to unite families. All of them shed light on the immigrant experience.

On Thursday — St. Patrick's Day — Boston College posted online a database of 31,000 ads that anyone can search.

The Web site is called Information Wanted, named after the column under which the ads ran. It can be accessed after 1 p.m. Thursday at http://infowanted.bc.edu.

The database is an electronic version of BC professor Ruth-Ann M. Harris' eight-volume set called "The Search for Missing Friends: Irish Immigrant Advertisements Placed in the Boston Pilot." Harris researched and edited the set for the New England Historic Genealogical Society.

"What they're doing is arriving in Boston, and I think they had no comprehension how large North America was," said Harris, a professor of Irish histo-

The first ad appeared in October 1831. It sought Patrick Mc-Dermott, whose newly emigrated wife and family were going to be sent back to Ireland if he didn't show up.

There are no records to show how often the ads led to reunions, but Harris suspects many did because of the volume of the ads over many years. Harris said the popularity of the ads "put the Plot on the map." Until then, it "reflected the French intellectual thought that was prevalent in the Catholic church in Boston in the early 19th centu-

Most of the ads stopped after 1915, when the Archdiocese of Boston bought the Pilot.

Also by then, postal service had greatly improved, allowing better communication among families and friends.

## Union employees protest Schwarzenegger retirement reforms at fund-raiser

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Protesters outraged over Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's proposed changes to state pensions and teacher salaries gathered outside a hotel where the governor was holding a lavish fund-raiser to support his agenda.

Nurses, firefighters and teachers spilled into the street outside the Century City hotel Wednesday, calling for the governor's ouster and waving placards that read, "California not for sale" and "Don't privatize retirement security."

Police said there were about 1,500 protesters and no arrests were made.

The protest was the latest in a series of

actions by a loosely affiliated group of union members, Democrats and others designed to frustrate Schwarzenegger's plans.

The Republican governor has called for series of changes to everything from pub-

lic employee pensions to how legislative districts are drawn. Opponents have challenged the governor's policies in court, run TV ads against him and staged street demonstrations.

Schwarzenegger has been organizing a statewide petition drive take his proposals directly to the voters in a special election expected this fall, raising an estimated \$50 million he said he needs for the campaign.

"The governor anticipated the special in-

terests would start crying foul when he was trying to bring about reform," Schwarzenegger spokeswoman Margita Thompson said.

"Right now, the unions are fighting for their own interests. The governor is fighting for the people's interest."

On Wednesday, police temporarily shut the street outside the hotel as the crowd swelled, snarling afternoon rush hour traf-

## New study on Down syndrome gets notice

BY LOLITA C. BALDOR

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - A study about mothers of Down syndrome children that was published just this month by a Harvard Medical School student has quickly made its way to the halls of Congress.

Brian Skotko's survey found that doctors don't provide pregnant women with enough information about Down syndrome and the prospects for their child after birth. All too often. said Skotko, the mothers received the news about their child in a negative, gloomy fashion that failed to relay any positive information about the child's life expectancy and possible development.

On Wednesday, two senators offered new legislation that would require doctors to provide expectant mothers with up-to-date, scientific information about the child's condition, possible treatment options and expected development. It also calls for a study of existing health care and supnort services

"Our real vision should be for families to grow and prosper and continue to bring new life into the world - and we need to support that effort, said Sen. Edward M. Kennedy D<sub>\*</sub>Mass

Skotko, also a student at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, culled his study results from 1,250 survey responses he got from mothers in Down syndrome parent organizations in Massachusetts Rhode Island, California, Colorado and North Carolina

"Doctors continue to find it very challenging to deliver a diagnosis like Down syndrome to an otherwise happy expectant mom," said Skotko, who has a sister with Down syndmme

Reth Allard a Roston-area parent who brought her young son Ben to Capitol Hill on Wednesday, said when an expectant mother is told her child will have Down syndrome or some other condition, it is scary and confusing.

Kennedy and Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., said parents need to be equipped to handle the diagnosis

"For some conditions that can be detected in the womb. we are aborting 80 percent or more of the babies who test positive," Brownback said. "The effect of this sort of weeding out is creating new eugenics, a form of systematic, disability-based discrimination."

## **Report: Obesity affecting life span**

BY LINDSEY TANNER The Associated Press

CHICAGO - New and disputed research adds a twist to the Social Security dilemma, suggesting that a nation gorging itself on bacon double-cheeseburgers will one day dramatically shorten the

average U.S. life span Obesity - especially its alarm-



the culprit, startling reversal in life expectancy, which likely will drop by two to five more within

50 years, according to a report in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

This would reverse the mostly steady increase in American life expectancy that has occurred in the past two centuries. It could even inadvertently "save" Social Security, but the tremendous price would be higher death rates and escalating health care costs. said lead author S. Jay Olshansky, a longevity researcher at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

longevity scientists called the research overly dire and unlikely to single-handedly affect Social Security.

But Olshansky said with obesity affecting at least 15 percent of American schoolchildren not pie in the sky. The children who are extremely obese are already here.'

Already, rising obesity rates have shaved four to nine months off the average life span of 77.6 years, he and his colleagues contend in the journal report.

In a journal editorial, University of Pennsylvania demography expert Samuel H. Preston calls the projections gloomy." "evcessively

Opposing forecasts, projecting a continued increase in U.S. longevity, assume that obesity will continue to worsen but also account for medical advances. Preston said.

Still, failure to curb obesity "could impede the improvements

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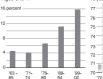
men and women.

## Gains in longevity expected to level off

A study indicates that the long-running rise in life expectancy is likely to fall off. Researchers suggest that the increase in childhood obesity will have an adverse effect on average life expectancy in the United States.

## Percentage of overweight

Ages 6 to 11



70'80'90 '92 '94 '96 '98 '00'02

Life expectancy at birth

SOLIBCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Researchers determine genetic code of X chromosome

in longevity that are otherwise in he said. Americans' current life expectancy already trails more than 20 other developed

Obesity researcher Dr. JoAnn Manson said she agrees with the paper's message, if not the methods. While the calculations "may not be perfect," the emphasis on obesity's dangers "should serve as a wake-up call for policy makers and the public health community," said Manson, chief of preventive medicine at Harvard's

## Discovery sheds light on female biology

The Washington Post

She was slow to reveal her secrets, but the X chromosome has now bared it all. More than a century after a scientist in Leipzig focused his microscope on the blobs of DNA inside a cell and labeled one "X" because it behaved differently than others, researchers have determined with 99.99 percent accuracy the genetic code of the chromosome at the core of

The newly completed picture of the X chromosome — one of the last orders of business for the human genome project falls far short of evplaining all the mysteries of what makes a woman.

But by determining the exact order of virtually all 155 million "letters" of code on the X the counterpart to the male Y chromosome - scien-

tists have now confirmed how sex evolved and are much closer to explaining some of the differences between men and women.

The X's unveiling also brings into focus the molecular underpinnings of hundreds of genetic diseases, far more than have been discovered on any other human chromosome. And it appears to have revealed a long-sought role for much of the body's "junk DNA," which is especially prevalent on the X and whose lack of apparent function has long baffled scientists Perhaps most tantalizing, the new work

sheds light on one of the most astonishing acts of self-effacement in all of biology: the permanent shutting down of half of the X chromosomes in every cell of a girl's body — an effort to match the activity of the single X that men inherit with their Y

"It's more evidence that it's not so much what you've got as how you use it " said Mark Ross of the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute in Cambridge, England, who led the gargantuan sequencing effort involving 282 scientists

at 21 institutions in six countries including the United States.

Like other chro mosomes, X and Y are tangled skeins of DNA that bear genes, the operating instructions inside cells that direct the development and maintenance of the body. But unlike the other 22 pairs of human chromo-somes, X and Y are crucial to sex determination For humans and other mammals. every

child inherits an X from its mother and either an X or Y from its father. Those who get a Y develop as boys.

With the X's complete code in hand, Ross and his colleagues were able to make detailed comparisons with the corresponding chromosomes of other animals, including chickens, fish and rats. The similarities and differences confirmed previous hints about how the X and Y - and with them, sex as we know it -

It happened about 300 million years ago, long before the first mammals. A conventional chromosome in a forebear of humans, probably a reptile of some sort, apparently underwent a mutation that allowed it to direct the development of sperm-producing testes

Sex already existed, but environmental cues such as temperature determined whether an animal developed as male or female - a system still in place in turtles and other reptiles. When genes gained control, they freed animals from such vicissitudes and assured a roughly one-to-one sex ratio.

With time, the altered chromosome — today known as Y — focused on male-making and dropped most of its previous duties, leaving them to be carried out by its unmutated partner, the X. By literally shedding all but a core of about 100 genes, the Y gradually shrunk to about one-sixth the size of the X.

As it turns out, however, many of the more than 1 000 genes on X are also crucial to male. ness. So while it is an exaggeration to say female is the "default" human form, arising spontaneously in the absence of a Y, it is also wrong to assume that the X is thoroughly feminine. After all, every man has one.

"It certainly does not seem to be the least bit true that the X is pink," said David Page. interim director of the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research in Cambridge, Mass, "The Y is certainly blue,

Hermann Henking, the microscopist who coined the term "X" in 1890, did not know he was looking at DNA. But he and others of his era knew that many diseases affect only males - a pattern eventually traced to the X chromosome and a big reason why the X has long garnered so much research attention.

Defective genes on the X easily lead to diseases in males because males lack a second, healthy X to compensate. While a disease's linkage to the X can be obvious by the pattern of unaffected mothers giving birth to affected sons, the newly completed sequence will speed discovery of the specific genes involved and the development of novel therapies, scien-





Above: Lorraine Bracco, second from left, plays Carla Grizzano on the new "Law & Order" spinoff, "Trial by Jury." Also pictured from left are Susan Blommaert, Bebe Neuwirth and ny Carlson. Right: Bracco is taking her positive message about antidepressants public.

## Whacking depression

## 'The Sopranos' actress wants to end the stigma on antidepressants

By DERRIK J. LANG The Associated Press

NEW YORK - The irony has not escaped Lorraine Bracco.

For five seasons as psychiatrist Dr. Jennifer Melfi on HBO's "The Sopranos," the actress has battled mob boss Tony Soprano's mental demons. But for a year and a half in real life, Bracco was fighting clinical depression with medication and thera-

"If you break your leg, you have it fixed," Bracco, 50, said recently,

"If you have a toothache, you go to the dentist. When it comes to mental health, people tend to think they can just get over it."

Bracco's ready to talk about her fight with depression in hopes of knocking out stigmas about antidepressants and their ef-

The mother of two went to drug manufac-

turer Pfizer in hopes of getting the word out. She has a series of commercials and a Web site, www.depressionhelp.com, with information about antidepressants.

"I don't blame anything or anyone, Bracco said. "I think it was lack of educa tion about medication. I thought if I need medication, I must be really sick.

Bracco - who has appeared in more than 30 movies, including "GoodFellas," 'The Basketball Diaries" and "Even Cowgirls Get the Blues" — acknowledges she wasn't feeling too keen after battling for custody of daughter Stella with ex-husband and actor Harvey Keitel, dealing with Stella's invenile rheumatoid arthritis and declaring bankruptcy after splitting with actor Edward James Olmos.

"I just had a lot of really big things that kept pounding me and I would let all these things rule my life instead of my dreams and wishes," Bracco said.

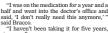
"I was doing everything. I was being a

good mommy. The laundry was done. They had food. They were driven to school and extracurricular activities, but I was joyless in it. It just became a chore for me. Looking back, Bracco said she was deal-

ing with depression for over a decade. It wasn't until 1997, after she'd been cast in "The Sopranos." that she followed the suggestion of a friend to seek professional

"I was very afraid to go on any kind of medication because I was afraid it was going to dull me, which is not true," Bracco said. "I think a lot of people think you'll become a zombie."

Rut antidenressants didn't hinder Bracco's performance in "Sopranos." and she eventually escaped the depression.



six years.

If the story ended here, it'd be a happy ending for Bracco. She bought a house in the Hamptons. Stella's in college. Bracco goes back to shooting the sixth season of "Sopranos" in April. She's also appeared in the new "Law & Order" spinoff, "Trial by

And she's been dating 30-year-old former Syracuse University basketball player Jason Cipolla for almost three vears

"A good relationship doesn't hurt any-odv." Bracco said. "Let's be fair, younger hody or older. That's been very nice for me."

## 'Apprentice' idea lawsuit

A Southern California man who sued NBC Universal, Donald Trump and the creator of "The Apprentice" in federal court last year on claims they stole his idea now is suing in state court.

In the Superior Court lawsuit filed Monday, Mark Bethea claims that he and the Velocity Entertainment Group came up with the idea for an unscripted series called "C.E.O." The lawsuit said the series would have been set up in a corporate office environment, with Trump as its host.

The lawsuit is against Mark Burnett and his partner, Conrad Riggs. It claims Bethea pitched the idea to Burnett and Riggs in 2001 and they later lifted "substantial and integral material" from "C.E.O."

A phone call to an NBC representative seeking comment early Wednesday wasn't immediately returned

The federal lawsuit, which sought dam-

ages for copyright infringement, breach of implied contract and unfair competition, estimated that Burnett, Trump and the network had made more than \$100 million from the NBC reality show.

## Snoop playing Copenhagen

Denmark got the Dogg. Snoop Dogg.

Organizers of the an nual Roskilde Festival said Wednesday in Copenhagen that the rapper is set to play the annual music show this year.

The artist, whose real name is Calvin Broadus, last visited Denmark in 1998. His latest release, 2004's "R&G — Rhythm and



Gangster: The Masterpiece," spawned the hit single "Drop It Like It's Hot." Other artists scheduled to play during

the June 30-July 3 festival include Black Sabbath, The Go! Team and Junior Senior. Last year, 75,000 tickets were sold for the outdoor event.

First held in 1971, the festival was inspired by the 1969 Woodstock Festival in upstate New York.

The event, which in recent years has been shown on MTV, attracts visitors from throughout Europe and the United States.

### Hilton: Mexico is hot

Paris Hilton arrived in Mexico to promote her perfume, book and film projects, saying she also wants to shop and visit the pyramids

"I love Mexico." Hilton, star of the TV reality series "The Simple Life," told reporters in Mexico City on Tuesday. "The people are so nice.

Hilton said her namesake fragrance

"smells like flowers.

The 24-year-old hotel heiress has a role in "House of Wax," a remake of the 1953

Vincent Price horror movie. The new film, starring Elisha Cuthbert, is scheduled for release in the United States on May 6.

Her book, "Confes-sions of an Heiress: A Tongue-in-Chic Peek Behind the Pose," was published last year.

Hilton was expected to participate in a 1960s-themed fashion

show along with other celebrities during

Stories and photos from The Associated Press



## YOUR MONEY

## Strong won no win for GIs in S. Korea

## COLA helps, but analysts say no help likely for weak dollar

SEOUL - The dollar's slide against the Korean won looks likely to continue, according to a fi-

nancial report released this week. The dollar ended Thursday's trading day on South Korean markets at slightly more than 1,000 won: the exchange rate at Community Bank branches on Yongsan Garrison was 978 won.

A weak dollar is bad news for U.S. servicemembers: It means their dollars buy less on the local economy. To combat that, the military gives servicemembers a cost-of-living allowance that is adjusted periodically.

The outlook for the dollar continues to be weak, according to the report, issued this week by financial giant Citigroup. The report forecast that foreign governments likely would not intervene to halt the dollar's global slide, putting the dollar near the 900 won mark in months to come

At the same time South Korean economists said the dollar's slide worried them as it makes South Korean exports more expensive and less competitive in the United States. Some exporters have called for South Korea's

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government to intervene to stabi lize the falling dollar in South

The current appreciation of the won against the dollar is undesirable for [South] Korea but un-avoidable at present." James Rooney, Seoul Financial Forum vice chairman, was quoted as saying in the Korea Times. The reason, said Rooney, also chairman of the financial firm Market Force Co.: The trend is "driven by the weakness of the dollar rather than by the strength of the

"I believe the major movements of the won at present and for the last six months have very little to do with Korea itself and are fundamentally related to the weakness of the dollar."

The dollar has been hovering at seven-year lows against the won The won has gained more than 15 percent against the dollar over the past year, says Korea's Cen-tral Bank, in line with a similar trend of the Japanese yen.

Of 10 major world currencies the bank said, the won has gained the most against the dollar in the

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Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan takes his seat prior to testifying before the Senate Special Aging Committee on Capitol Hill on Tuesday. Economists say "the Fed is beginning to become a little concerned" about impending inflation pressures.

## Experts: Americans to pay price as inflation rises and Fed reacts

BY MIKE MEYERS

Minneapolis-St. Paul Star Tribune For several years now, consumers have been living in a shop-per's paradise. But 2005 may be

the year paradise is lost. The long, quiet period for inflation, in which every rise in price for one set of goods and services. such as auto repairs or dry cleaning, has been offset by reductions in prices elsewhere, such as for cars and clothes, looks to have come to an end.

"There are brewing inflation pressures," said Scott Anderson, senior economist at Wells Fargo & Co. in Minneapolis. "The economic winds are changing. A lot of forces that had kept prices contained are now moving in the opposite direction."

Peter Kretzmer, senior economist at Bank of America, agrees that the past 10 years, and particularly the first few years of this century, which featured the kind of ultra-low inflation not seen in the United States since the Beatles

first arrived, have run their

"That period has ended, replaced by very mild inflation," Kretzmer said.

What that inflation does to the nation's economy may have as much to do with how the Federal Reserve reacts to it - with a just-right series of interest rate increases to keep prices under control but the economy undamaged, or with recession-inducing over kill that punctures the economy along with inflation

"The Fed is beginning to become a little concerned," said Nariman Behravesh, chief economist of Global Insight, a leading economic forecasting firm. Global Insight earlier had expected the Fed to stop raising short-term interest rates by the middle of this year, but Behrayesh now foresees interest rate hikes through the end of the year.

"I don't think it's anything serious - yet," he said of the rate moves

There are ample reasons for Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan to have some worries about what's ahead on the inflation front

Last week, the government reported a sharper-than-expected rise in producer prices — a bellwether of consumer prices in the months ahead.

Meanwhile the decline in the value of the U.S. dollar, a trend that's been in place for nearly three years, is forcing U.S. consumers to pay more for some imported goods. Foreign firms warv of losing market share, had resisted trying to raise prices

until recently. "Obviously, [foreign] compa-nies can take a hit on their profit margins if they think the dollar de cline is a temporary phenome-non," Anderson said. "But if they think it's sticking, they'll try to push through price increases.

In January, the price of imported goods from industrialized coun-- excluding China, which still ties the value of its currency to the dollar - was 6.7 percent

higher than a year earlier.

Within the United States, the labor market is starting to create more jobs and workers are getting harder to find in some industries, Anderson said.

We could see some stronger wage and salary increases" 2005, Anderson said, and companies will try to pass along at least some of those costs through high-

The prices of the commodities that many firms buy, and which make up their second-largest cost after labor, also have spiked higher.Until lately, manufacturers were hard-pressed to pass along higher prices to recoup what they are paying for everything from lumber and steel to chemicals and paper.

## EXCHANGE RATES

South Korean won (March 17)	978.0
Euro costs (March 17)	\$1,377
Dollar buys (March 17)	€0.72
British pound (March 17)	S1.9
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.37
British pound	\$1.912
Canada (Dollar)	1.203
Denmark (Krone)	5.557
Fovnt (Pound)	5.7
Euro\$1.3	114/0.745
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7 700
Hungary (Forint)	183 0
Iceland (Krona)	57.7
Israel (Shekel)	4.30
Japan (Yen)	104.1
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.291
Norway (Krone)	6.091
Philippines (Peso)	53.0
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.750
Singapore (Dollar)	1.6
South Korea (Won)	1.003.0
Switzerland (Franc)	1.152
Thailand (Baht)	38.4
Turkey (New Lira)	1.404

## **PRECIOUS METALS**

	New York Merc close
Gold	\$443.7 \$7.42

## INTEREST RATES

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Prime rate	5.5
Discount rate	
Federal funds market rate	2.5
3-month bill	
30-year bond	4.7
Sources: The Associated F	ress, Bank o



## Balancing credit cards

NEW YORK - That unnaid balance on your credit card can really hurt your finances. Most people know that if you

make only the minimum monthly payment on your card, it can take you months - or even years - longer than you had intended before you can finally pay off the balance. But how bad that, really? Say you have \$3,000 in debt on a credit card with a 15 percent interest rate You figure you can do better meeting your monthly expenses, and even put a little aside for savings, if you only pay \$75 per month on the card

At that rate, if you never again

add to the card's balance, you'll pay off the card in 18 years. And you'll also pay a walloping \$2.757.81 in interest! Ouch.

To pay off your debt faster, you might try several approach-

- Switch your remaining credit-card balances to a credit card with a lower interest rate.
- Pay more than your monthly minimum. Allot as much as you can reasonably spend toward your bill each month.
- Limit your credit card use, of course. Try to stick with cash or your debit card.
- To find out how much your credit-card balance is costing you, check out the credit card calculator at Bankrate.com



WEDNESDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

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## SATURDAY EVENING / MARCH 19, 2005

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60	NICK	"13" Jazz falls for a	Danny Phantom Danny attends a science seminar.	Danny Phantom Danny fears expo- sure. (CC)	Danny Phantom Danny fathers a sack of flour.	Ned's Declassified School Survival Guide Diary.	Drake & Josh Josh assists a child star. (CC)	All That Music group BBMak. (CC)	The Amanda Show Life size ted- dy bear. (CC)	Full House Joey falls for Danny's sister. (CC)	Full House Michelle's bad side makes trouble.	The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air The new student. (CC)	The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air Will re- members women.

## JAPAN TV

Afternoon 1:00 Traditional Arts of Japan: Bunraku (3) 2:30 World Figure Skating Championship Highlights (8) 3:15 Grand Sumo: The 7th Day (1)

## 3:15 Grand Sumo: The 7th Day (1) 3:30 Japan Pro Ball: Exhibition Game — Yomi-uri Giants vs. Orix BlueWave (4)

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  7:00 Japan Handball League: Playoff (42)
  7:00 News (1)
  7:00 Ultimate Fighting: K-1 World GP in Seoul
  (8)

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   Source Springs Seating Championship: Ladies Free (8)
   1:5 E.R. VIII (1)
   2:56 Grand Sumo Digest (1)
   2:10 U.S. Movie (2001): The Pledge (2:30)(6)
   2:15 F.I Grand Prix: The 2nd Round, Malaysian GP Prellminary (8)
   2:50 Soccer: Serie A Reggina vs. Messina (4)

3:05 Soccer: AFC Champions League (10) 3:15 Classical Music (3)(r) 4:00 Grand Sumo Digest (1)(r)

### JAPAN TV-BS7

## Morning 6:10 World News

0:10 World News 8:10 World News 8:10 World News Hour 9:10 MLB: Exhibition Game: Chicago Cubs vs. Chicago White Sox 11:10 X-Games 2004 11:50 CNN News

Afternoon 12:10 World Reports 12:10 World Reports 1:03 Women's Volleyball V-League: Final, 2nd Game, NEC Rockets vs. Pioneer Red Wings 3:10 Football Mundial 3:30 X-Games 2004

9:10 CM News
9:20 Grand Sumo Digest
12:10 RIE: Men's Basketball: Final, 1st Game,
Alsin Sea Hoxses vs. Toshiba Brave Thunders
1:0 NBA: Orlando Magic vs. Seattle SuperSonics
4:10 What's On Japan
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## JAPAN TV-BS11

## 1:00 Grand Sumo Tournament, 7th Day (bilingual after 3:50 p.m.) Evening 7:00 NHK News

1:10 British-French-Dutch Movie (1990): Vin-cent & Theo (2:25)

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Morning 6:00 U.S.-Japanese Movie (1975): The Yakuza (1:57) 8:00 TV Series: Dawson's Creek 9:00 TV Series: CSI: Crime Scene Investiga-tion – Miami 2 11:00 U.S. Movie (1987): Moonstruck (1:50)

Afternoon 12:50 U.S. Movie (1992): Red Rock West (1:40) 2:30 U.S. Movie (1997): Face/Off (2:30) 5:00 U.S. Movie (1997): Con Air (2:00)

Evening 8:00 U.S. Movie (2003): Shanghai Knights (2:00)

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10:00 U.S. Movie (2003): Matchstick Men (2:00)
12:00 Y Series: Friends the Final No. 235 12:30 TV Series: Sex and the City No. 92 1:05 TV Series: Sex and the City No. 93 3:40 U.S. Movie (2002): Red Dragon (2:10)

## 5:55 Spanish Soccer Liga Española

## MTV

Morning 6:00 Wake Up! 8:00 Classic '90s 9:00 Japan Chart Top 30

Afternoon 12:00 Music Download Chart Top 10 1:00 World Chart Express Supported by

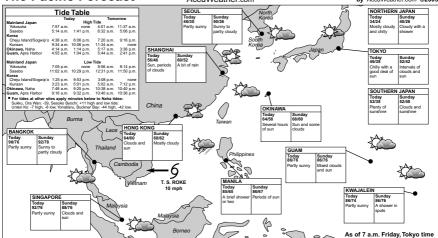
## Honda 3:00 SONICMANIA 2005 Express 5:00 SONICMANIA 2005 Live Evening 8:00 SONICMANIA 2005 Live

- 11:00 U.S. Top 20 with Super Dry 1:00 Pimp My Ride 1:30 Check the Rhyme
- 2:00 Faking the Video 2:30 Screen
- 3:00 Headbangers Ball 3:30 After Hours

## The Pacific Forecast

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### **Extended Forecasts**

Monday: Mostly sunny, high 58, low 48. Tuesday: Rain high 62, low 54.

## KADENA

Monday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 74, low 65. Tuesday: Thunderstorms. high 76, low 66.

### SEOUL

Monday: Increasing cloudiness, high 56, low 32. Tuesday: Periods of clouds and eunehine high 54, low 28

### MANILA

Monday: Partly sunny, high 88, low 68. Tuesday: Partly sunny, high 88, low 68,

### HAGATNA

high 88, low 78.

Monday: Partly sunny, high 88, low 76. Tuesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine

## Thursday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW		HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	54/36	Los Angeles	69/54
Amarillo	52/34	Little Rock	59/40
Anchorage	38/20	Louisville	56/39
Asheville	38/27	Miami	87/63
Baltimore	47/30	Milwaukee	34/28
Birmingham	49/36	Nashville	55/33
Bismarck	29/18	New York	45/34
Boise	55/32	Omaha	58/38
Boston	46/30	Orlando	70/54
Brownsville	68/50	Philadelphia	47/30
Buffalo	39/24	Phoenix	75/54
Burlington	36/20	Pittsburgh	50/28
Charleston, St		Portland, OR	57/38
Charlotte	42/30	Portland, ME	40/22
Cleveland	42/29	Salt Lake City	51/32
Columbus, OF	51/31	St. Louis	63/39
Duluth	27/13	San Antonio	68/43
El Paso	66/43	San Diego	68/56
Hartford	43/25	San Juan	88/72
Helena	37/16	Tampa	70/58
Indianapolis	56/35	Tulsa	63/43
Jacksonville	60/43	Washington, D	C 48/34
Kansas City	64/42	Wichita	63/38





### U.S. Extended Forecast

A large storm system will deliver much-needed rain to the Pacific Northwest Saturday. The system will also bring periods of rain to California and showers to Arizona and western parts of the Rockies, Meanwhile, dry conditions will extend across the Plains. Plenty of clouds will cover areas in the north, while some sun shines over the south. Another system will spread snow across the Great Lakes and trigger showers across the Ohio and Mississippi valleys. The tail of a cold front will cause thunderstorms to rumble across parts of Texas. Ahead of this system, clouds will increase across the Northeast, A system looming over the Atlantic will bring a few showers to the Carolina coast.

## Saturday's Pacific Temperatures

## Saturday's World Temperatures

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Beijing	58/39	Kadena AB	64/58	Sapporo	34/24	Athens	68/54	Buenos Aires	77/59	Kiev	22/6	New Delhi	92/59
Camp Casey	46/30	Kunsan AB	47/34	Seoul	46/30	Auckland	74/62	Cairo	79/54	Kuwait	77/55	Oslo	27/12
Christchurch	63/48	Kwajalein	86/74	Shanghai	56/46	Baghdad	78/53	Cancun	83/68	London	65/52	Paris	69/51
Diego Garcia	84/74	Manila	85/65	Singapore	92/76	Barbados	90/71	Cape Town	85/63	Madrid	67/48	Rio de Janeiro	75/66
Hagatna	86/76	Misawa AB	36/24	Sydney	71/55	Barcelona	64/50	Geneva	65/53	Mexico City	77/50	Rome	71/56
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### Girl injured by tree

HI HONOLULU — A 12-year-old girl was in critical condition this week after undergoing surgery for injuries she suffered when a large tree snapped at its base and crashed through the roof of her home in Manoa, striking her as she slept.

Julia Engle was at The Queen's Medical Center with major injuries to her head and chest, according to a family statement.

Mark Pennington said his niece, a Punahou School seventh-grader, was sleeping when a Norfolk pine estimated to be 70 to 80 feet high fell across Beckwith Street and through the roof into the girl's bedroom around 5 a.m.

"You hope for the best, but you have a whole bunch of fears," he said.

The tree also knocked down a utility pole, causing a power outage in the area.

### City hires big-time help

OWENSBORO — A California company that has created two major Las Vegas attractions is designing a water feature for the city's riverfront.

However, Owensboro's design won't be as grand as the dancing fountain in front of the Bellagio Hotel and The Mirage's volcano. City officials hope to raise between \$1 million and \$1.5 million in private funds for the attraction.

### Sheriffs to address cuts

OH COLUMBUS — County sheriffs plan to visit the Statehouse to tell lawmakers about funding cuts that have forced some to lay off deputies and cut patrols. Gov. Bob Taft's budget proposal includes a 20 percent cut in funding to local governments.

## Woman dies during race

MOAB — As Sheri Haymore moved closer to the finish line after running nearly 13 miles, she complained lightly about her legs feeling weak, but nothing more.

With just 100 yards to go in Canyonland's Half Marathon, the Riverton woman staggered a bit and sat down. Emergency crews rushed in.

"She asked the paramedic, 'Please let me finish,' " Haymore's sister. Lori Robbins, recalled.

They said no and laid her down on the ground. Haymore, a 41-year-old mother of three daughters, closed her eyes and died from an apparent heart attack.

"She was so determined to finish the race," Robbins said. "She was reaching for her goal."

### Warden placed on leave

ALL BIRMINGHAM — Donaldson Correctional Facility's warden was placed on leave drea warning of "catastrophic circumstances" at the overcrowded state prison near Birmingham. Stephen Bullard listed his concerns in a memo to State Corrections Commissioner Donal Campbell, Three days later, Campbell placed Bullard on 10-day leave. Corrections



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spokesman Brian Corbett said he could not comment on reasons for

the leave.

With space for about 1,000 prisoners, Donaldson holds 1,625 inmates in conditions that have overloaded the prison's sewage system.

## Breaking ice jams

PORTLAND — Three Coast Guard cutters will head up the Kennebec River to break up ice jams and ease the threat of spring flooding. The vessels will spend a week busting through the ice between Bath and Gardiner.

## Sex with inmate charges

SAN ANTONIO — A guard faces felony charges for allegedly having consensual sex with a female inmate at the medical unit of the Guadalupe County Jail

Albert DeLeon was fired in January and faces the state jail felony charge of violation of the civil rights of a person in custody; improper sexual activity with a person in custody.

He is accused of having sex with a 34-year-old female immate in December. The immate is serving a 30-year sentence for trying to hire a hit man to kill her husband, a Seguin police officer, officials said.



Saving the stranded

Personnel at the marine mammal Conservancy in Key Largo, Fla., lift a rough-tooth dolphin in order to conduct a medical examination. The dolphin is one of about 68 that stranded March 2 off the Florida Keys. jury last week. He faces up to two years in prison.

"This is a black eye for law enforcement," Guadalupe County Sheriff Arnold Zwicke said.

"However, we will not tolerate that kind of behavior. He used poor judgment and he will have to pay the price."

Authorities learned of the incident by a jail worker who found mail from the woman detailing the sexual encounter.

Zwicke said DeLeon worked at the jail for less than a year.

### Fighting for revenue

EAST CHICACO — City officials are fighting for control of millions of dollars in riverboat casino revenue that flows to three community foundations they call a vestige of East Chicago's 'old pollitis." The city's former city controller, recently sentenced to an 8-year prison term for missapparating city funds, is still paid 500,000 a year by two of the founda-

Under a 1994 agreement, the foundations each receive up to 1 percent of the casino revenue to disburse to community organiza-

## State House flunks

RI PROVIDENCE — State officials have 90 days to come up with a plan to bring the State House into compliance with the new fire codes

Inspectors found 32 fire-safety violations beneath the marble

And while some problems have been fixed, officials said the remaining items pose major challenges for balancing fire safety and historical character, public access and security.

The Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal & Review gave administration officials more time — until June 14 — to come up with a plan addressing the other violations.

Inspectors said the State House lacks sufficient smoke- and heat-detection devices. And they said something needs to be done about the State House rotunda because such "atriums" should be separated from adjacent spaces by fire barriers.

### Man rides out avalanche

AK HATCHER PASS — A man rode out an avalanche on his skis after triggering the slide on a steep slope in fresh powder blanketing the Talkeetna Mountains

With spring break under way, the avalanche-prone slopes have rangers warning skiers and snowmachiners to take extra care.

Sandy Tolmie, 44, ended his brief, speedy ride buried to his chest in snow at the base of an avalanche roughly 200 feet wide and 300 to 400 feet long, said state parks ranger Pat Murphy.

The bulk of the avalanche stopped several feet above him, Murphy said.

Had the slide progressed much farther, the weight could have buried and crushed Tolmie, he said. "He managed to stay on his skis the whole time, which is real hard to do. ... He's lucky."



Tense spot Members of the California Department of Forestry and the Fremont Fire Department by to calm a young boy as they consider how to rescue him from Alameda Creek outside Fremont, Calif. Firefighters were eventually able to free the boy, whose leg was caught in the dam. He was pulled to safety after he freed his leg and wont over the dam.



Whoa! Hold on, Dad The feet of Nola Muscatello, 2, of Albany, N.Y., slide out from under her as she is pushed around the ice rink by her father, Barry Muscatello, at the Empire State Plaza in Albany.



Happy little 'soldier' Five-month-old Malachi Alaniz plays with his mother, Nellie Alaniz, as they wait at Cooper Field in Fort Hood, Texas, for father and husband Sgt. Esteban Alaniz to return home after serving more than a year in Iraq.

Pink power

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From left, Patrick Kerley, 10: Tia Tucker, 10: Hunter Kerley, 5: and Nathan Tucker, 7, tow a large pink slipcover around their home in Brookport, III.



Callie and Ben, dogs belonging Get off my snow! to Amarillo, Texas, resident Wayne Lietzke, frolic in the Amarillo sno



Delicate feeding A baby eaglet born in the San Francisco Zoo gets her lunch in San Francisco.

### Boy recovering after fall

OH CINCINNATI — A 1-year-old boy is recovering nicely after a three-story

plunge from an apartment. Police believe an 11-vear-old boy who was staying at the apartment tossed Lavontia Clark out the window

When Lavontia awakened the 11-year-old, the boy apparently got frustrated and threw the baby of the window, police Lt. Paul Broxterman said.

The 11-year-old, whose name was not released, was charged with felonious assault. The baby's mother, Lawanda Clark, said her son didn't break any bones but suffered a gash on the back of the head and some scratches on his arms. Some tree branches slowed his fall, she said, and he landed in soft mud.

"I'm happy he's still alive, amen to that. I'm just trying to stay focused on him, watching him," Clark said

### **Commissioner confirmed**

MD BALTIMORE — The City Council voted to confirm Leonard Hamm as the city's police commissioner. Hamm will become Mayor Martin O'Malley's fourth commissioner since 1999. Hamm, a 22-year city police veteran, was named acting commissioner after O'Malley fired Kevin Clark last fall.

### Welcome for heroes

AR LITTLE ROCK — Thou-sands of Arkansas veterans of the war in Iraq and their families can enjoy a "Welcome Arkan-sas Heroes" concert and free lunch May 21 at War Memorial Stadium, the Arkansas National Guard said. About 3.000 Guard members started training in October 2003 and were deployed to Iraq in March 2004. They are all expected to be back in Arkansas by mid-April.

### Learning standards set

MIAMI — The state Board of Education adopted key learning standards for the voluntary prekindergarten program being offered to all Florida 4-year-olds beginning in August. The standards emphasize reading and language skills. As many as 150,000 new students could enroll in the program, which would be the largest of its kind in the country.

### New plan for math

NY ALBANY — The state Board of Regents overhauled how schools will teach high school math. Under the plan, schools will teach one-year courses of algebra, geometry and a third course called algebra 2 and trigonometry. The courses will replace two courses that taught the concepts in a more integrated way. The regents will decide when to start the new math approach after a public comment period.

### Casino proposal bill

MN ST. PAUL — Gov. Tim Pawlenty pushed his casino proposal as a way to lift up poor-er, northern Minnesota Indian tribes. The bill authorizing the casino requires participating tribes to demonstrate they lack money to meet housing, medical care and

other basic needs of members. The Leech Lake, White Earth and Red Lake Chippewa are expected to meet those criteria

## School working on policy

CO BOULDER — The University of Colorado is working on a racial harassment policy after a series of recent incidents Ron Stump vice chancellor for student affairs, said he met with several students and campus groups as well as black faculty and staff members to discuss how the school can address racial intolerance. Fewer than 450 black students are enmilled at CII

### Wandering wallabies

POOLE — A strange sight from Down Under startled residents of this western Kentucky community.

Members of the Poole Homemakers Club were at a meeting downtown when they looked out and saw what they thought was a kangaroo.

Nedra Wilson, first to spot the animal, said it hopped up a driveway and around a carport. He then headed south on U.S. 41-A. she said.

"I bet it was going 25 mph," she said. "He was really getting it. We haven't had that much excitement in Poole in a while."

Actually, the animal that club members saw was likely a wallaby, a small kangaroo that is native to Australia. There were two of them on the loose after they escaped their pen.

The animals belong to the family of Stephen and Betty Bell. The family moved to Poole about six months ago. Stephen Bell is from Australia. The Bells said the animals escaped. One was later recaptured and the other returned on its own

## Plans for healthy classes

NM LAS CRUCES — New Mexico State University officials have proposed adding a "making healthy choices" curriculum to English 111, a basic course taken by most students in their early semesters. They believe its small classes and discussion format make it ideal for talking about the dangers of party life and violence in relationships. The school has recorded two student deaths from drinking since November.

### **Doctor convicted**

MO ST. LOUIS — An area physician called "Dr. Feelgood" by a federal prosecutor was convicted of nearly 200 federal counts for attempting to dispense more than 2.5 million illegal doses of prescription drugs. From June 1999 through May 2003, prosecutors said Dr. Harry Meyer Katz. 79, illegally sold prescriptions for \$40 each for Vicodin, Darvocet, Xanax and Valium. Katz faces up to five years in prison.

## Society endorses hunts

NJ BERNARDSVILLE — The state Audubon Society is endorsing the use of hunts, hired guns and other measures to thin the state's 200,000-strong white-tailed deer herd. The organization says population-control measures must be increased to preserve the state's forests. The group says deer have become an ecological menace.

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## Simple answer to badge row

As I read letter after letter about this new combat badge (Close Combat Badge) and who should get it, it makes me think that there is an easy solution for all

It is so simple: If an infantryman is in combat or a cook, the outcome is the same. People are shooting at each other and someone is about to pay the ultimate price if things go wrong. I say give a hadge to anyone who is in combat and call it the Combat Service Badge. This includes women and men, all military occupational specialties - including civilians who were sent to combat zones on contract. If they were actually in combat, they should get this badge. The reason is that anyone left out will feel left out, and rightfully so.

Just the reaction to the announcement of this badge shows that something is wrong. It should be fixed, and I think, in all fairness, that my idea is the best Shouldn't everyone have a chance?

> John Mize Langenzenn, Germany

## 'Truth commission' sought

A judge in Spain Baltazar Garzon is trying to create a "truth commission" to investigate crimes against humanity committed during the dictatorship of Gen. Francisco Franco. He also attempted to try the former Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet.

Garzon should be commended, and judges in other former dictatorships should follow his lead.

I would like to see the creation of an American Truth Commission that would investigate and publicize the U.S. government's support of dictators (Anastasio Samoza, Fulgencio Batista, Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi of Iran, Saddam Hussein, the House of Saud, etc.) over the years. But I don't think it's going to happen, since both the Democratic and Re-

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publican parties would be implicated.

Isn't that a shame? Chuck Mann

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## Combat soldiers are special

Since our Army began, support troops have always been harassed and shot at by the enemy. And [to those troops I say:] It is your job to defend yourself. The enemy knows that he can disrupt our operation by harassing and shooting at the support units

And he knows that they are not as skilled as the combat soldiers at shooting and killing them. Also, there is rarely a war where the enemy is destroyed or driven back. There are always small units that get behind the lines and attack the support elements. Your mission is: Do your job.

The mission of the combat soldiers (infantry, armor, field artillery) is to go out, find the enemy and kill him. I don't think you want any part of that because, if you did. vou would have chosen infantry, armor or artillery as your specialty.

It takes a special person to put that ruck on, jump in that tank or be part of that gun section, and live and train the way we do. Can you handle living in the woods or desert for weeks and months at a time with no showers, running water, toilets, beds or cots? Up at 0430, bedding down at 2300, humping a ruck 20 miles, loading a 70-pound heat round in a 140-degree turret or firing arty missions knowing that in two minutes or less counter battery will be on your position? So, if you want that Combat Infantry-

man Badge or Close Combat Badge that bad, come on over and join us. Sgt. 1st Class Archibald W. Sims (retired)

Camp Ruehring Kuwait

## 'Gifted' employees in Kosovo

Many people think that deaf individuals cannot function in the hearing world. If they think like that, they are wrong.

My older sister took care of me and it was she who talked me into joining the Marines. She once told me that if it weren't for her disabilities, she would have loved serving in the military. I felt so sorry for her, but she has self-confidence and has made a wonderful life for herself and now, at age 52, she has three children who can hear perfectly and understand sign language. I'm retired from the military, thanks to her.

I'm working for the Army and Air Force Exchange Service in the area of loss prevention at Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo. We have four associates who also break the barriers between the deaf and the hearing. They work in the Power-Zone, in self-service and in the warehouse. One is a printer at the concessionaires' area

When I look at them and see how they work with the customers, you don't have to say a word, it shows. They are truly gifted.

> Nelson Delgado Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo

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## **Looking at** the news

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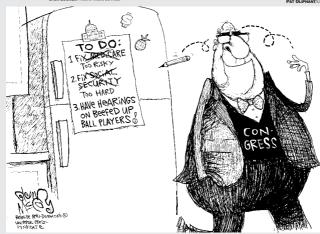








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## J Horoscope

Mercury goes retrograde in Aries In the weeks to come, it may feel like you and your loved ones have

revisited the tower of Babel - suddenly, no one is speaking the same language, and instead, everyone is uttering strange, unassociated sounds. It's not always necessary to understand Listen as though to music.

### TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 19). It's a transforming year. Your days will

be filled with activities very different from the ones that occupied you last year. Let a trusted partner lead the way this month. Your self-confidence soars because vou're proud of the hard work you do in June. An inheritance or legacy helps your financial picture in Au gust. Lucky love signs are Scorpio and Cancer

## ARIES (March 21-April 19).

Like the producer of reality TV competition, you don't always make the decision that's fair. Sometimes, you let kooky people stay in the game because they are more entertaining than the talented ones

## TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

Today is a study in how it feels to want. Your appetite (for all things. not only food) is voracious. To avoid sinking into a rank mood, bring a snack for the voyage. Love with a Libra is tender

### GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If you have not set your sites high enough, you realize this now. Many of you experience a bout of lealou-

sy. Have no fear. This is the way the universe has chosen to show you your heart's desire CANCER (June 22-July 22).

### Don't complain; don't explain. Do talk plenty about what you intend to do, as this solidifies your approach. Romance brews in the neighbor-

hood - it's a situation worthy of "Desperate Housewives." LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The

rules of the past no longer guide you to the most appropriate course of

action. So it's time to make new rules. Don't be hasty. Observe what's really going on before you make a single decision.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Life only asks you to do your best

not the impossible. Good fortune comes via a iewel-fingered lady. If you're kind and grateful. the future holds more of this for you

## LIBRA (Sept.

23-Oct. 23). Regarding a situation that a more jaded person would deem hopeless: There's still time to turn things around. Sort out the

supporters from the hanners-on. You have the ability to warm up even an icy-cold people tonight.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your greatest investment is in you self. Doing for others until you are all tapped out just isn't healthy. Set some time aside to focus inward. Someone is afraid of your criticism

and thus keeps a low profile.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Be a social animal: networking now does wonders for your finances. However, knowing your real friends is key. A true friend accentuates your good characteristics, which can help you get work or a

## CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

special date

19). Social niceties are all well and good, but you're in a "show me the money" kind of mood. Or, as Dorothy Parker put it so well, "The two most beautiful words in the English language are 'check enclosed."

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It may come to your attention that late fees and penalties have reared their ugly heads into your financial picture. Resolve, on paper, to spend wisely. Careless spending will leave

you in a state of constant need. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Instead of vacillating, make deci sions, and go with them. It turns out there is no right or wrong, only action and inaction. Your love life thrives when you take risks -

especially if a Scorpio is involved. Creators Syndicate

### **Peanuts**









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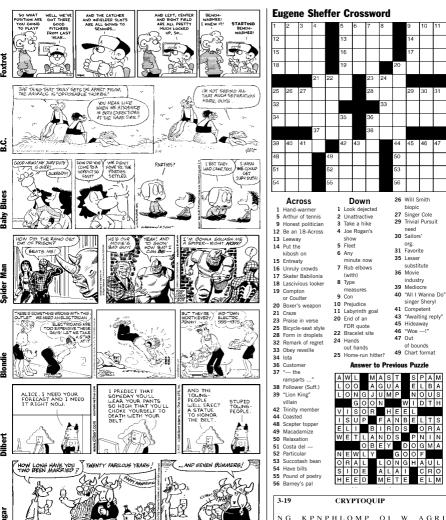












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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A WITCH WERE TRAVELING VERY FAST, DO YOU SUPPOSE SHE MIGHT BE ON A SONIC BROOM?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals T

## **Compromise with live-in boyfriend**

Dear Abby: I'm 19, and last month I moved in with my boyfriend of five years. Ever since we got settled in our new home, he has invited his friends over on a

daily basis It's not just one or two, Abby; he has six to nine people stopping by every day to hang out watch movies and even

eat dinner with us. I have tried expressing to him that I'd like to be asked before these people are invited. He'll comply occasionally, but most of the time I come home and find three people lounging in our living room like they own the place. His response when I get upset is, "I pay half the rent Can't I have my friends

There are nights when I want to come home, put my feet up, and read a book in peace and quiet, or better yet, spend time just with him. How can I communicate this without making him defensive

 Crowded Out in Minnesota Dear Crowded: There is a

It's called compromise. Consideration for the other person's feelings is also helpful. Before inviting friends to come and hang out. or share a meal, your boyfriend should call and ask if that's OK with you. That's what partners

do to keep peace under their roof. Please clip this and show it to your boyfriend. It's not a question of all or nothing; it's simply common courtesy

Dear Abby: My beloved mother died the first week of February. Four hours after she drew her last breath, at a lunch following our

visit to the mortuary to make burial arrangements, her 'friend" of more than 40 years, "Marilyn," began asking me to give her items from my mother's

I agreed to let her have two chairs at some time in the future Within two days after my return home (I live in a neighboring

entered Mother's home and removed two carloads of furniture not including the two chairs.

They took photographs and per-sonal items belonging to my mother, some of which were removed from her bedroom

I insisted they return what they took, which they claim they did, but I'll always wonder whether they returned everything. Should I report the theft to the authorities or to the other family members? Should I demand an accounting from the so-called friends?

- Angry and Heartsick in Sun City

Dear Angry and Heartsick: By all means disclose what hap pened not only to your other family members, but also to your mother's lawyer and the police. The lawyer can demand the accounting, and the police can make sure that all the items were indeed returned.

Letters for this column - with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at http://www.uexpress.com/dearabby Universal Press Syndicate

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Jumbles: ABBOT Yesterday's STEED HORROR FROZEN Answer: How the drunken cowboy felt when the sheriff put him in the cooler - NOT SO HOT

## Coughing neighbor too noisy

Dear Annie: My husband and I have a unique problem with one of our neighbors. We would talk to him about it, but it's quite embar-

rassing Every night between 2 and 4 a.m., our neighbor goes outside and coughs until he spits up. And every night it wakes us

up. It is so disgusting. This neighbor is a heavy smoker. We have tried closing our windows, but we can still hear him. We are sure he does this outside so he won't wake up his own family. Instead, we are the ones losing sleep. How do we deal with this

situation tactfully? Sleepless in Sarasota

Dear Sarasota: You have two options: Tell your neighbor, "You probably aren't aware of it, but your coughing wakes us up at night. We're terribly worried about you.



The second option is to put some white noise in your bedroom perhaps a fan, a radio, or one of those machines that simulates ocean waves — to mask the unpleasant

sound. Dear Annie: I read

the letter from "A Troubled Father," who was upset that his adult

daughter didn't send birthday cards to his new wife, although she did finally send a Mother's Day card

My father, also a widower, remarried a lovely woman, and we are very appreciative. However, my father decided we could not spend time with him alone, that every visit had to include his new wife. This was never a problem when my mother was alive We siblings used to meet Dad alone for breakfast, and it was a great opportunity to discuss things

Now breakfasts always include the new wife, and most of the time is spent listening to my

stenmother. Mother's Day is always a problem, since he expects us to shower her with the same devotion that we gave my mother. Why? She's not my mother. She is HIS WIFE. He should stop trying to

dren that they will resent.

force a relationship on his chil-- Frustrated Stepdaughter

Dear Frustrated: Many new wives are insecure about their place in the family and go overhoard to make sure Hubby includes them in everything. This can create terrible bitterness. A secure woman knows that her husband loves her, and she doesn't mind letting him have breakfast with his kids, alone.

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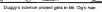


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### Saturday

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AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.-College basket-all-NCAA tournament: First round, Wisconpall-NCAA tournament: First round, Wiscon-in vs. Northern Jowa, Bucknell vs. Kansas. AFN radio Okinawa, Korea, 9 am.-College pasketball-NCAA tournament: First round, AFN-Pacific/Korea, 9:30 am.-NBA: L.A. Lak-ers at Indiana. AFN radio Okinawa, Korea, 11 am.-College pasketball-NCAA tournament: First round, lasketbali-NCAA tournament: First Found. Seorge Washington vs. Georgia Tech. AFN-Sports, 3 p.m.-College basket-lali-NCAA tournament: ESPN College Game-

Day final.

AFN-Sports, 10:30 p.m.-Auto racing.

NASCAR Craftsman Truck World Financial Group 200 at Atlanta Motor Speedway, Atlanta (dld).

### Sunday

AFN-Sports, 2 a.m.-College basket-ball-NCAA Tournament: CBS Road to the Final Four. AFN-Pacific/Korea, 2 a.m.-Boxing: Kevir McBride vs. Kevin Monity, heavyweights (dld).
AFN-Sports, AFN-Atlantic, AFN radio Okina-wa, Korea, 3 a.m.-College basketball-NCAA Tournament: Second round, region and eams to be determined.

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orts, 5 p.m.-Golf: PGA Bay Hill Invitational, third round, at Orlando, Fla. (dld). AFN-Atlantic, 9 p.m. Auto racing: Ir League XM Satellite Radio 200 at Phoenix ternational Raceway, Phoenix (dld).

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pd., rain Chicago Cubs vs. Oakland at Phoenix San Francisco vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz. Colorado (ss) vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz. Kansas City vs. LA, Angels at Tempe, Ariz. Milwaukee vs. Arizona (ss) at Tucson,

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## College basketball

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Georgetown 64, Boston U. 34 Memphis 90, Northeastern 65 Vanderbilt 67, Indiana 60 Texas A&M 82, Clemson 75

Texas A&M 82, Clemson 75
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Friday
Cal State Fullerfon (20-10) at San Francisco (17-13)

Buffalo (23-9) at Saint Joseph's (20-11)
Davidson (22-8) at Southwest Missouri
State (19-12) m Kentucky (22-8) at Wichita State

(21-9) Second Round
Saturday
Virginia Tech (16-13) at Memphis (20-15)
Texas A&M (20-9) at DePaul (20-10)
Texas Christian (20-13) at Western Michigan (20-12)

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Maryland (17-12) vs. SW Missouri St.-David-Georgetown (18-12) vs. CS Fullerton-San Arizona State-UNLV winner vs. South Caro-la (16-13) -13) lerbilt (19-13) vs. W. Kentucky-Wichita St. winner Holv Cross (25-6) vs. Buffalo-Saint Jo-

## Men's NCAA Div. II tournament

Quarterfinals Wednesday, March 23 Bryant (23-8) vs. Mount Olive (29-4) Tarleton State (24-8) vs. Cal Poly Po

(24-6) Metro State (29-3) vs. Virginia Atlantic (27-4) nn (28-5) vs. Findlay (30-3)

Men's NCAA Div. III tournament

Friday Semifinals lochester (24-4) vs. Calvin (26-6) Vis.-Stevens Pt. (27-3) vs. York, Pa. (27-3)

## Men's NAIA Div. I tournament

First Round Wednesday Wednesday Oklahoma City 77, vs. Mobile 74 St. Xavier 60, Langston 55 Lindsey Wilson 69, Faulkner 63 Carroli, Mont. 85, Concordia, Calif, 72 Trevecca Nazarene 79, Lewis-Clark St. 71 Oklahoma Christian 80, Brescla 76, OT

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Jo (26-4) Oklahoma Baptist (23-10) vs. Westminster, Jtah (23-9) Georgetown, Ky. (26-5) vs. Ga. Southwest-Lubbock Christian (21-9) vs. Cal. Baptist Cumberland, Ky. (22-8) vs. LSU-Shreveport (26-8) Voorhees (14-16) vs. Southern Poly St. (31-3) ) ion, Tenn. (24-8) vs. John Brown (19-11) isouri Baptist (24-8) vs. Biola (26-7)

## **NCAA** Women's tournament PHILADELPHIA REGIONAL First Round Saturday, March 19

nessee State (23-8)
Texas Tech (22-7) vs. Texas-Arlington (21-9)

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Georgia (22-9) vs. Rice (24-8)
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Florida State (23-7) vs. Richmond (23-7)
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Minnesota (24-7) vs. St. Francis, Pa. (21-9)
Alzona State (22-9) vs. Eastern Kentucky
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Notre Dame (26-5) vs. UC Santa Barbara (21-8) 21-8)
Baylor (27-3) vs. Illinois State (13-17)
Texas Christian (23-9) vs. Oregon (20-9)
Sunday, March 20
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## Golf

Bay Hill Invitational

issippi (19-10) vs. George Washington

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First Round

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1. Kevin Harvick, 690; 2. Carl Edwards, 610;
3. Clint Bowyer, 571; 4. Reed Sorenson, 564; 5.

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Martin Truex, Jr., 538; 6. Ashton Lewis, 494; 7. David Stremme, 452; 8. Shane Hmile, 431; 9. Justin Laborte, 427; 10. Denny Hamilin, 418. MASCAR Craftsman Truck Series 1. MASCAR Craftsman Truck Series 1. 10. 3. Jimmy Spencer, 231; 4. Ted Musgrave, 310; 5. Matt Crafton, 280; 6. Steve Park, 279; 7. Johnny Benon, 271; 8. David Reutlmann, 256; 9. Dennis Setzer, 254; 10. Casey Atwood, 251

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1. Dan Wheldoff, 52. 3. Sam Horrish Jr. 46, 2. 3. Tory Kanana 3. 4. Vitor Meira 22. 5. Helio Castronees 30, 6. Darren Manning, 28. 7. Artick Carpenter 26, 8. Alex Samon 24; 9. Al. Foyt V. 22. 11. Formula One. 1. Clancaro 15 ischella, Italy, Renault, 10; 2. Rubens Barrichello, Brazil, Ferrari, 8. 3. Rubens Barrichello, Brazil, Ferrari, 8. 3. Coultman, Brain, Red Bull, 5. 5. Mark Webber, Australia, Williams, 46, Juan Pablo Mon-Loya, Colombia, McLaren, 37. Critistian Kilen, Austria, Red Bull, 5. Critistian Kilen, Austria, Red Bull, 5. Kimi Raidkonen, Frilland, McLaren, 37. Critistian

## College baseball

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Ljubicic (13), Croatia, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (4). Women Quarterfinals Elena Dementieva (4), Russia, def. Svetla-na Kuznetsova (5), Russia, 3-6, 6-3, 7-5. Kim Clijsters, Belgium, def. Conchita Mar-tinez (23), Spain, 6-1, 3-6, 6-2.

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amaal Magloire and F David West from the
njured list. Placed F Chris Andersen on the

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CINCINNATI BENGALS—Signed RB Rudi
obnson to a five-year contract.
CLEVELAND BROWNS—Agreed to terms
with LB Matt Stewart on a three-year conract. GREEN BAY PACKERS—Re-signed TE David ANAPOLIS COLTS—Signed RB Edgerrin MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Agreed to terms
with OB Brad Johnson on a four-year con-

With QB Brass Johnson .... OAKLAND RAIDERS—Named Chuck Paga on defensive assistant.

ST. LOUIS RAMS—Agreed to terms with OT Orlando Pace on a seven-year contract.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Signed LB Steve Floyer to a three-year contract extension through the 2009 season. WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Signed S Pier-son Prioleau.

OLLEGE
CALIFORNIA—Fired Caren Horstmeyer,

women's basketball coach.

EAST CAROLINA—Named Ricky Stokes
men's basketball coach and Mack McCarthy
men's associate basketball coach.

## High schools

Japan Girls soccer Wednesday Nile C. Kinnick 1, Yokota 0 At Yokota Air Base, Japan

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At Camp Zama, Japan

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Zama 21: Goal scorers-Zama, Elli Legaspi 1 (1) JaQuita Doakes 1 (1), Kate Shicks 1 (1), As sists-Zama, Elli Legaspi 1, JaQuita Doakes 1 Kate Shicks 1.

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At Camp Walker, South Korea
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WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Assigned John Wilson and C Hector Ortiz to their mil league camp. Optioned IB Larry Broadw and RHP Danny Rueckel to New Orleans of t PCL and RHP Darrell Rasner to Harrisburg the Eastern League. Placed IMF Henry Mat and RHP Claudio Vargas on the 15-day DL.  44 I've got three drivers who

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# **Cutting corners**

## Cheating is part of the game in NASCAR

BY JENNA FRYER The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. here's an old saying in NASCAR: If a team ain't cheating, it ain't trying. With a murky rule book open to various interpretations, drivers and crews constantly push the limits to see what

they can get past inspectors.

"Being creative is my job," crew chief Chad Knaus said when he earned his first major penalty in 2002. "If I am going to get fined and penalized for being creative, then that's just part of it. Besides, the other guys are cheating more than we are.

Maybe so, but Knaus and his peers might start thinking about following the rules to the letter of the law: Knaus and two other crew chiefs were suspended this week as NASCAR cracked down on its culture of cheating.

All three crew chiefs will be allowed to compete in Atlanta this weekend while the National Stock Car Racing Commission prepares to hear their appeals next week

Knaus was suspended for two weeks and fined \$35,000 after race-winner Jimmie Johnson's car was found to be too low following a victory in Las Vegas. Johnson was docked 25 points, which cost him his spot atop

The argument is that it is confusing to the fan, who just cheered his driver on to victory, only to go home and read in the next day's paper that his guy actually didn't win.

after an event.

But NASCAR's push to stop cheating

the sanction ing body first relied on monetary fines, then upped the stakes to docking points in 2002 before issuing Tuesday's suspensions of Knaus and the crew chiefs for Kevin Harvick (one month) and Kyle Busch (two weeks) - taking victories just might be the next step.

NASCAR might have to because, as word spread through the Nextel Cup circuit about the suspensions, some considered the penalties a slap on the wrist.

"I've got three drivers who would trade \$25,000, 25 points and a suspension for a win, said Chin Ganassi car owner for Sterling Mar-

> body says this is way too much. Is it too much right now? No, but it's taking steps to get people's at-

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NASCAR questioned the fuel mileage of one

of his cars after rivals accused him of having

an oversized fuel tank. NASCAR removed the

fuel tank, and after a heated argument, Yu-

nick climbed into his car and drove it away

Now that Brian France, grandson of NASCAR founder Bill France, is running the

sport, he's more interested in integrity than

the tradition of teams trying to pull a fast one

In one of the most notorious Yunick stories,

ing over Yunick's race entries

**NEXTEL CUP** Race 4: Golden Corral 500 Atlanta Motor Speedway 2:30 a.m. Monday, AFN-Atlantic.

Last race: Jimmie Johnson led a race-high 107 laps and held off home town boys Kyle and Kurt Busch to win the UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400 in Las Vegas. Johnson, Kyle Busch and car owner Rick Hendrick were docked points by NASCAR on Tues day for failing post-race inspections.

Last year: A week after he nearly was parked for running too slow, Dale Earnhardt Jr. zoomed by Jeremy Mayfield with 15 laps to go and sprinted to an easy victory.

### Driver to watch: **Jeff Gordon**

week. Gordon has won four times at Atlanta, a track that has been hospitable to Chevrolets.



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### **BUSCH SERIES**

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Last race: Mark Martin moved into the lead when Carl Edwards had a flat tire, extending Martin's Busch-record victory total to 47 in the Sam's Town 300 at Las Vegas.

Next race: Pepsi 300, March 26, Lebanon,

## FORMULA ONE

This week: XM Satellite Radio Indy 200 at Avondale, Ariz. (Tape-delayed, 9 p.m. Sun-day, AFN-Atlantic). Last race: Dan Wheldon led 158 of 200 laps ay, AFN-Atlantic).

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en route to a dominant victory in the sea-son-opening Toyota Indy 300 at Homestead, Fla. on March 6. Next race: Grand Prix of St. Petersburg, Fla.,

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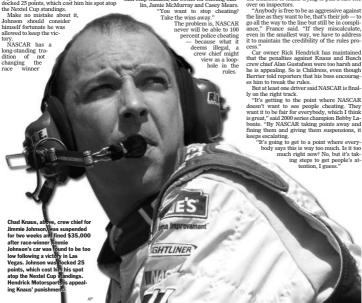
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This week: World Financial Group 20u at Hampton, Ga. (Tape-delayed, 10:30 pm. Sat-urday, AFN-Sports). Last race: Steve Park earned his first truck series win in the American Racing Wheels 20u at Fortiana, Calli, on-Feb. 25. Park's previous for the Calling of the Calling Park of the Cal

### CHAMP CARS

Next race: Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach (Calif.), April 10.

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## Pistons stretch home streak to 10 Anthony does

BY LARRY LAGE The Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. - On the night Ben Wallace broke Detroit's shot-blocking record. Rasheed Wallace's defense and clutch shooting ensured the Pistons would win their 10th in a row at home.

Chauncey Billups tied a season high with 32 points and Rasheed Wallace had nine of his 24 during a key stretch of the fourth quarter to lift Detroit to a 102-95 win over Seattle on Wednesday night.

"We knew we had to step it up at the defensive end to end it." Rasheed Wallace said

Rashard Lewis' three-point play midway through the fourth quarter put Seattle ahead 83-82, its first lead in almost 10 min-

The teams took turns with the lead before Rasheed Wallace turned two steals into a dunk and a mid-range jumper, giving the Pistons a 91-90 lead Richard Hamilton then connected on a three-nointer, and Tayshaun Prince made two free throws to seal the victory

"Sheed went on a little tear and when he gets rolling, it's tough to stop him because he can do it at both ends," said Ben Wallace, whose first of three blocks surpassed Terry Tyler's franchise record of 1,070.

"It's a good feeling to accomplish a milestone like that," he said. "And, it feels good

to get it at home. Lewis scored 26 for the SuperSonics,

who had won four straight on the road. "When the game was on the line, we fell apart." Seattle coach Nate McMillan said. Seattle's Ray Allen missed all four of his



Pistons center Ben Wallace is fouled by Seattle's Nick Collison as he drives to the basket.

shots and was held to two points in the first half before finishing with 20 points on

6-for-11 shooting. "We had the game under control and a three-point lead and then we turn the ball over twice," he said, referring to Rasheed Wallace's steals. "That was the game."

Allen bristled when he was asked about his shot total. "No, I'm not getting enough looks," he

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Celtics 110. Raptors 109

said. "You've gotta talk to the coach." Jerome James added 12 points and reserve Antonio Daniels scored 10 points for the Sonics

Richard Hamilton and Tayshaun Prince each scored 18 for the Pistons, who have won four of their past five games.

Pistons coach Larry Brown missed his second straight game and is out indefinitely after having surgery Monday related to a November hip operation. Gar Heard coached in Brown's place.

Ben Wallace helped Detroit take a 27-19 lead in the first quarter with all of his six points, nine of his 14 rebounds and his record-breaking block.

"He's one of the best off-the-ball defend-ers I've ever seen," Heard said. "The two things you know that you will always get from Ben is that he will go for every rebound and every block."

The Sonics started the second quarter with a 12-0 run and led 47-42 at halftime.

## job early, sits out end of rout

DENVER - Carmelo Anthony watched the end of the game from the bench for all the right reasons.

Anthony scored 25 points in just 21 minutes Wednesday night to lead the Denver Nuggets to a 120-101 victory over the Charlotte Bobcats.

The second-year star, who spent the final 17 minutes of Sunday's loss to Phoenix on the bench, spent the final 14 minutes watching this one — but it wasn't be-cause he was having a bad game. Rather, he went 10-for-16 to help Denver put the game out of reach early.

"Something to prove? No. When you try

to prove something to somebody, it never works." Anthony said, "I just wanted to go out, play basketball, continue doing what I was doing."

As a result, Denver had its best night of offense this season.

The Nuggets shot 54 percent and hit the 120-point mark for the first time. They also finished with 40 assists — the highest total in the NBA this season.

"It goes to show that, as a team, we're capable of doing that — sharing the ball," Anthony said, "When we want to be unselfish.

we can be unselfish Keith Bogans had 19 points and Emeka Okafor had 17 points and eight rebounds for Charlotte, which played the first of a three-game Western road swing. Seven of the expansion Bobcats' 12 wins this season have come against teams from the Western Conference, including a 94-88 win over Denver last month.

### NBA scoreboard

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## RB James signs Colts' 1-year offer

INDIANAPOLIS - The Indianapolis Colts' career rushing leader is staying put



Former two-time NFL rushing champion Edgerrin James signed a one-year franchise offer Wednesday that will pay him a little

more than \$8 million this year But that won't slow James' efforts to get a long-term deal or seek a trade.

"We think by making the move, it will help facilitate either a long-term deal or enhance our chances of working out a trade,' said Drew Rosenhaus, James' agent. "We've always stated we are not interested in playing out a one-year deal."

The move comes one week after team president Bill Polian told Rosenhaus that the Colts could not afford to sign James to a long-term contract. Rosenhaus has been trying to work out a trade ever since, a deal Polian told Rosenhaus would not require a first-round draft pick in exchange for the three-time Pro Bowler.

The Colts now are prohibited from reaching a long-term agreement with James before mid-July, or they would lose the franchise tag for the length of the contract.

### Pace signs seven-year deal with Rams

ST. LOUIS - Orlando Pace has a chance to finish his career with the St. Louis Rams. and he has his new agent to thank for that.

The Rams have made the six-time Pro Bowl offensive tackle their franchise player the past three seasons, and the first two years talks on a long-term contract went no-



Edgerrin James and his agent are still seeking either a long-term contract or a trade.

when he signed a one-year tender, and his new agent, Kennard McGuire, came aboard two weeks ago.

Pace, the first overall pick of the 1997 draft, signed a seven-year, \$52.9 million contract Wednesday. He'll make \$18 million in the first year of the contract, including a \$15 million signing bonus, after the Rams raised their offer significantly.

"I think, for me, this year it was different for the simple fact of changing your repre-sentation," Pace said during a news conference Thursday. "The communication was

pretty good throughout the past two weeks and I think that really sped the process." When the Rams first placed the fran chise tag on Pace in 2003, his agents asked for a \$27 million signing bonus. The talks

## Browns sign RB Taylor to offer sheet

CLEVELAND — Running back Chester Taylor signed a one-year, \$3 million offer sheet with the Browns, a move that could signal the end of William Green's time in Cleveland

Baltimore has until Wednesday to match the offer for Taylor. If the Ravens decline, the Browns would owe the Rayens a

## **Magic fire coach Davis**

ORLANDO, Fla. - Johnny Davis was fired Thursday as coach of the Orlando Magic, who have lost six straight games and are on the verge of falling from playoff contention. Assistant Chris Jent was hired as interim coach.

"We work in a bottom-line business,"

general manager Weisbrod said in a statement. "It is our responsibility to do everything possible to create the best opportunity for success.' Davis was dis-

missed along with coach assistant Ron Ekker hours after Wednesday night's 110-102 road loss to the

Davis told the newspaper.



Davis told the Orlando Sentinel he was 'surprised and disappointed" by the firing with just 18 games left in the season and the club still trying to make the playoffs "It caught me completely off guard,"

Jent, who spent two seasons in the NBA and was a member of the 1994 champion Houston Rockets, became a Magic assistant this season and is a head coach for the first time. He was promoted over assistant Paul Westhead, who coached the Los Ange-

NBA briefs

fouled by Kobe Bryant.

title and later coached the Denver Nuggets. Davis' overall record the Magic was

51-84. He also coached Philadelphia in 1996-97, going 22-60 there

## Iverson hopes to play with injury

PHILADELPHIA — Allen Iverson re-mained hopeful Wednesday a chipped bone in his left thumb won't cost him any games "Nine times out of 10, I'm playing Friday," Iverson said after the 76ers practiced without the All-Star Game MVP.

Iverson, the NBA's leading scorer, was hurt in Philadelphia's win over the Los An-geles Lakers on Tuesday night, Iverson said Wednesday he still wasn't sure when the injury happened, though he thought it might have been on a play in which he was

Coach Jim O'Brien said Iverson was a game-time decision for the Sixers on Fri-day night at Cleveland. Iverson, who scored 36 points against the Lakers, was listed as day-to-day.

To a certain extent, it is tolerance of pain, but it's also going to be how the X-ray looks and whether there would be a chance of further injury." O'Brien said.

### Cavs fine their coach \$10,000 for comment about Boozer

CLEVELAND - Cavaliers coach Paul Silas was fined \$10,000 by the team Thursday for a derogatory comment he made about Utah forward Carlos Boozer.

Silas made the remark to reporters Monday, one day before Boozer was to return to Cleveland after leaving the Cavaliers as a free agent last summer

Silas apologized Wednesday.

### sixth-round draft pick. where. Pace fired Kevin Poston last fall eight turnovers, compared to 20 turnovers BOSTON - Paul Pierce and Antoine

## NHL talks re-open with two proposals by owners

BY IRA PODELL The Associated Press

NEW YORK - When the NHL canceled the season, the league warned players that future offers wouldn't be as good as those that were rejected.

There was proof of that Thursday.

During a 21/2-hour bargaining session in New York, the NHL gave the players' association two six-year proposals: one with a tie between league revenues and player costs, and one without. So far, the union isn't interested in either.

A source close to the negotiations told The Associated Press on condition of anothat the "de-linked" offer contained a hard cap of \$37.5 million per team, \$5 million less than commissioner Gary Bettman's final, nonnegotiable proposal made on Feb. 15 — the night before he called off the season.

Back then, the players responded with a soft-cap offer of \$49 million. So as far apart as the sides were then, the gap appeared wider Thursday.

The NHL, however, did make some concessions. The new offer included a minimum payroll number of \$22.5 million and provided a mechanism to negotiate the cap unward if there was certain revenue success, the source said.

The removal of linkage was what got the players to agree for the first time to accept a salary cap. But a deal was never close to being reached, and a mid-ground number was never offered by either side.

Once the season was wiped out, both sides said all offers were off the table. But the NHL reinstated a proposal without linkage, and gave it a short shelf life.

"De-linked means we're taking some fi-nancial risk and exposure," NHL chief legal officer Bill Daly told the AP. "As more amage is done and it becomes more unpre dictable as to what our revenues will be our willingness to entertain and accept that exposure and risk becomes less and less.

There is no question that the league would like to have a collective bargaining agreement with linkage to ensure "cost cer tainty" for its 30 clubs. That was the basis of the second offer Thursday in which players would be guaranteed 54 percent of league revenues, the source said

The offers also dealt with issues such as the entry-level system, qualifying offers salary arbitration, and free agency.

"Last week, Gary asked me how to re-sume discussions for a new CBA," NHLPA executive director Bob Goodenow said. "I told Gary to bring forward any proposal that he believed would be of interest to the players. Today, Gary gave us two salary-cap proposals. Both proposals were very similar to ones that we previously rejected several times.

"We will be determining our next stens and responding at the appropriate time.

The NHL has its sights set on getting a deal done in time to hold the draft on schedule in June and relaunch the league with new rules intended to open up the game and generating more excitement

## Celtics win fifth straight

Walker each scored 24 points, and the Boston Celtics nearly blew a 16-point fourth-quarter lead before pulling out a 110-109 win over the Toronto Raptors on

Wednesday night. The win was the fifth straight for the Atlantic Division-leading ics and their ninth in 10

games since acquiring Walker from Atlanta on Feb 24

NRA

roundup

Tony Allen finished with 16 points for Boston, including a pair of important baskets in the final 1:46. Ricky Davis had 14 Jalen Rose led the Raptors with a sea son-high 35 points and Chris Bosh had 20 before leaving with a bruised lower back

early in the final quarter. Rose scored seven straight points, giving the Raptors a 107-106 lead on a driving shot over Pierce with 2:03 to play. Allen broke free inside for a jam, but Toronto regained the lead on Rafer Alston's jumper with 1:30 to play.

Allen's drive made it 110-109 14 seconds

Spurs 89, Timberwolves 73: At San Antonio, Tim Duncan scored 25 points and Robert Horry added 18, his highest total in his two seasons with the Spurs

The Spurs, playing a fourth straight game without swingman Manu Ginobili, made 12 of their first 15 shots to quickly open a double-digit lead they maintained for most of the game.

San Antonio shot 70 percent in the first nuarter and 35 percent after that, but the Timberwolves managed only 39 percent for the game. The Spurs made half of their 14 three-pointers and committed only for Minnesota

Pacers 103, Jazz 84: At Indianapolis, Stephen Jackson scored 28 points and Indi-ana hit 37 of 43 free throws. Reggie Miller scored 15 points and Anthony Johnson 12 for the Pacers

Mehmet Okur scored 16 points and Andrei Kirilenko 15 for Utah.

Wizards 122. Hawks 93: Gilbert Arenas had 29 points and Larry Hughes added 23 as visiting Washington had a sea-son-high point total. The Wizards used a 24-2 run in the fourth quarter to win consecutive games for the first time in 13

Nets 100, Bulls 84: At East Rutherford, N.J., Vince Carter scored 30 points as New Jersey completed a season sweep of Chicago, Jason Kidd had 22 points, 11 rebounds and eight assists.

Bucks 96, Cavaliers 88: Michael Redd scored 32 points and Joe Smith tied his season high with 21 as the Bucks withstood 34 points from LeBron James, extending Cleveland's road losing streak to eight games.

Grizzlies 88. Hornets 82: At New Orleans, James Posev scored 20 points and Earl Watson scored seven of his 16 points late in the fourth quarter.

Rockets 108. Trail Blazers 77: David Wesley and Bob Sura scored 21 points each to lead the Rockets to their sixth straight win. It was the Rockets' first game back home after sweeping a four-game road trip over some of the best teams in the West, including Phoenix and Seattle.

Clippers 110, Magic 102: At Los Ange les, Corey Maggette shrugged off a sore left wrist and scored 31 points, extending Orlando's losing streak to a season-high six

## **Pacific's fine first half** enough to vanquish Pitt

BOISE, Idaho - A 15-point halftime lead was just enough for Pacific.

The Tigers survived a sloppy second half and advanced in the Albuquerque Regional by holding off Pittsburgh 79-71 Thursday in the opening round of the NCAA tournament

Christian Maraker came back after slamming his head on the floor in the first half and scored 17 points, including a late three-pointer that helped clinch it and get the Tigers (27-3) through the first round for the second

straight year. "Being here last year and knowing what it takes to get a victory definitely helped this team. Hopefully it will help us in the next round on Saturday," said Pacific's David Doubley, who scored 11 of his 17 in the second half. Awaiting the Tigers on Satur-

day will be the regional's top seed, Washington, which beat Montana 88-7

Mike Webb scored a reer-high 15 points, going 4-for-4 from beyond the arc to spark a 20-8 run late in the first half and help the Tigers take a 45-30 halftime lead

"I knocked down the first and the second and it just kept rolling



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after that," Webb said. "I like the big games. Every player lives for that '

Carl Krauser scored 25 of his 27 points in the final 20 minutes while the Panthers (20-9) trimmed the lead to five in the final 4 minutes, but Maraker's only three-pointer of the second half nut the Tigers ahead 69-61

"We just dug too deep a hole in the first half." Pitt coach Jamie Dixon said.

Chris Taft had 13 points and 12 rebounds and Chevon Troutman and Antonio Graves each scored 12 for the Panthers. Troutman, who averaged 15.1 points a game this season, scored just three in

No. 8 Washington 88, Montana 77: Brandon Roy had 17 points and Tre Simmons 15 as Washington (28-5) charged out to a 20-point lead in the first nine minutes and then played just well enough the rest of the way to win an NCAA tournament game for the first time since reaching the round of 16 in 1998

Montana (18-13) won the Big Sky Conference to get into the NCAA tournament, but beating the Pac-10 champion was proba bly a little too much to ask. Led by Kamarr Davis' 24 points, the Grizzlies at least gave it a try, rallying after a dismal start before fading

Montana didn't stand much of a chance - no 16th seed has ever won a tournament game — and it didn't help that Washington had extra incentive.

The Huskies finished eighth in the final AP poll, the lowest for a No. 1 seed since the field expand-



Washington's Tre Simmons keeps his eve on a loose ball during the Huskies' victory over Montana in the NCAA tournament Thursday.

ed to 64 in 1985. They took umbrage with those who said the only reason they got the top spot in the Albuquerque Regional was because Kentucky and Arizona slipped in their final games.

ashington scored the game's first 13 points and kept coming at Montana in waves, rotating play-ers off the bench like it was a hockey game, pressuring the Grizzlies into mistakes and pushing the pace at every turn.

Montana didn't score until Davis hit a turnaround jumper 4:10 in and was down 28-8 before the game was nine minutes old.

Washington coach Lorenzo Romar agreed to an eight-year deal with the school on Thursday.

## Tiger takes a divot in Bay Hill rainout

BY DOUG FERGUSON The Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. - Rain halted play in the Bay Hill Invitational after only three hours Thursday, still enough time for Tiger Woods to hit a shot that made fans nearly drop their umbrellas in utter amazement.

He finally looked like them.

With great anticipation over the threesome of Woods, Ernie Els and U.S. Open champion Retief Goosen, the world's No. 1 player led off on the first tee by taking a 6-inch divot with a 3-wood that was lucky to reach the fairway. "I've never done that before,

Woods said of his 198-yard drive. As for a PGA Tour event sus pended by weather? Seems like

that happens every week. Nearly 2 inches of rain saturated Bay Hill Club & Lodge, causing the sixth weather-related suspension in 12 events on the PGA Tour this year.

'We're getting used to it." said Sergio Garcia, who was 3-under through eight holes when play was halted

Joe Ogilvie, who lost in a three-man playoff in the Honda Classic last week, also was at 3-under through 13 holes, the most anyone played. The first round was scheduled to resume Friday morning.

Woods managed to make par after that whopping tee shot on No. 1 and was 2-under through eight holes. Els bogeved his first two holes and was 1 over, while Goosen hit a tee shot out of bounds on No. 4 and was at 2-over.



Frnie Fls was 1-over through eight holes when rain forced postponement of the first round of the Bay Hill Invitational.

The No. 1 ranking is up for grabs at Bay Hill among Woods, Els and Vijay Singh. Three of the top five players in the world ranking are in the same group for the first two rounds, although they hardly looked like world-class players.

Especially Woods.

The last time he used that new 3-wood in competition, he caught it a little thin on the 12th hole at Doral and still carried it nearly 300 yards to set up an eagle that led to a victory over Phil Mickelson two weeks ago.

This one looked as if it went 300 vards into the clouds

"I didn't know Retief and I intimidated him like that " Els said with a laugh.

## Women's teams take rivalry on road

BY DAVE ORNAUER Stare and Strings

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam The women's teams from Osan and Kunsan air bases and Camp Humphreys didn't exactly sport South Korea post-level basketball's best 2004-05 records.

But they saw each other enough in two tournaments to form a rivalry of sorts. Each made the double-elimination playoffs in this week's March Madness Open Tournament - and players expressed hope their team would take the title to Korea

"We think this one's ours," said guard Sandra Hernandez of Camp Humphreys.

"We're hungry for it," Osan's Theresa Moss said. "We need to take it back to Korea with the title. And we can do it.'

Their tournament showings belie their regular seasons. Kun-san went 6-6, Osan 4-7 and Humphreys 3-8 in the Korea Traveling League. But something happens when they meet in tournament competition

"We've become rivals," Hernandez said.

Especially galling to the Defenders was watching the Wolf Pack win the season's first Pacificwide tournament on Osan's home

"We still think about that." Defenders guard Kazue "Jo-Jo" Dancer said. "That was our tour-Osan gained a small measure of

revenge Tuesday with a 68-59 round-robin win over Kunsan. "We give it an extra effort, especially against Kunsan," Dancer

A common denominator is good guard play.

Dancer is among five Defenders guards able to handle the ball and shoot. Point guard Amoni Suttice's shifty, slashing play pro-vides the Wolf Pack's spark. Hernandez brings long-distance marksmanship to a Humphrevs team spearheaded by point guard Suz Lopez, who suffered a deep right knee bruise earlier this week, putting her playoffs avail-

ability in doubt. "It will be harder for us now that our point guard is out," Hernandez said.

The guards for all three teams "leadership and supprovide port," Moss said. "They get it started."



DAVE ORNAUER/Stars and Strine

Guard Jessica Garcia (1) of Ko rea's Osan Defenders gets fouled by Chava Florendo of Guam's Bud Light on Thursday's at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. Osan won 81-45 and earned the top seed into the playoffs. Moss seemed especially onti-

mistic about Osan's chances, given its stable of guards and recent strong defensive play

"We've come together on defense here, which has won some games for us," she said. "I think we can do this."

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### March Madness Open **Basketball Tournament**

At Coral Reef Fitness and Sports Comple Andersen Air Force Base, Guam Day 4 (x-qualified for double-elimination playoffs)
Men's Pool A

x-Andersen Air Force Base A, Guam
4x-Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan
3x-Ace Hardware, Guam
2-A-Ace Hardware, Seam Naval Station, Guam Gamestoppers, Guam Thursday's scores Naval Station 81, Gamestoppe Yokosuka 75, Naval Station 48 Andersen A 101, Ace 71 Men's Pool B Men's Pool B x-Spotlight, Okinawa x-Andersen Air Force Base B, Guam x-USS Frank Cable, Guam

x-USS Frank Cable, Guam KFC Dragons, Guam Camp Fuji, Japan Thursday's score Spotlight 114, KFC Dragons 53 Men's Pool C x-Camp Humphreys, South Korea x-Heat, Okinawa

Thursday's score
Heat 82, Team Guam 69
Women's Pool
x-Osan Air Base, South Korea
x-Kunsan Air Base, South Korea
x-Camp Humphreys, South Korea
x-Andersen Air Force Base, Guam
Bud Light, Guam o-4

Thursday's scores
Osan 81, Bud Light 49
Men's playoffs
Friday's games
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Sunday, March 27

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Second Round
Saturday, March 19
Boston College vs. Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Illinois/Fairleigh Dickinson vs. Texas/Neva-

Arizona/Utah State vs. LSU/Alabama-Bir-mingham

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Sunday, March 20
Oklahoma State/Southeastern Louisiana
vs. Southern Illinois/Saint Mary's, Calif.
Semifinals
Thursday, March 24

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**Tide rolled out** by a 12th seed

## Wis.-Milwaukee is latest to parlay 5th-seed iinx into first-round upset

CLEVELAND sin-Milwaukee's players didn't madly chase each other around the floor or do anything extraordinary to celebrate the biggest victory in school history.

The Panthers are above all that. This was business as usual. "We expected this," forward Joah Tucker said. "It wasn't a big surprise for us."

Wisconsin-Milwaukee, whose players were briefly barred from practicing Wednesday when they produce dent-IDs, pulled off the first stunner of the NCAA tournament beating Alabama 83-73 on Thursday.

Now everyone knows the Panthers

Tucker and Ed McCants scored 21 points apiece as Milwaukee (25-5) won its first NCAA tourney game in its second try. Two years ago, the 12th-seeded Panthers nearly knocked off Notre Dame, losing 70-69.

The underrated Horizon League champions finished the job this time, outplaying one of the Southeastern Conference's ton programs and continuing a trend of No. 12s beating No. 5s in March. That first-round matchup has produced an upset in 16 of the nast 17 tournaments, the only exception being in 2000.

For 40 minutes, Wisconsin-Milwankee was the team that looked like it came from the power con-

"This is an atypical team from the Horizon League," Alabama coach Mark Gottfried said.

Kennedy Winston had 20 points and Ronald Steele 16 for the Crimson Tide (24-8), who had hoped to have another run like a year ago when they made it to the round of eight. But Alabama was outplayed by a lesser-known opponent from a little-known conference playing in a friendly arena.

"This is what March is all Wisconsin-Milwaukee coach Bruce Pearl said. "We rep resent the rest of that high non-major level of basketball. These guys feel they can play at that level, and they're getting the opportunity to show it in this tournament. If anyone has a home-court ad-

vantage it is the Panthers, who won here three weeks ago and have four straight victories on Cleveland State's home floor.

Milwaukee, which has won 10 straight and 18 of 19, will play Boston College (25-4) on Saturday in the second round of the Chicago Regional

No. 14 Boston College 85, Pennsylvania 65: Jared Dudley led a balanced attack with 18 points as Boston College (25-4) advanced to a second-round match with Milwaukee-Wisconsin and BC's former mascot. Milwaukee coach Bruce Pearl failed to make the Eagles' basketball team as a walk-on and filled in as the feathery mascot for an NCAA tournament game in 1981



Joah Tucker shoots over Alabama's Chuck Davis during the second half of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's 83-73 victory over the Crimson Tide on Thursday in the opening round of the NCAA basketball tournament.

Penn (20-9) didn't have a mascot for its big game. Instead, the Quakers came out with fashionable new blue-and-white shoes a reward for making the tournament - and a determination to keep the arena rocking.

Boston College was in no mood for that, however, not after what's happened lately.

The Eagles opened the season with 20 straight victories, then closed with a 4-4 fade that includ-

ed a first-game loss to West Virginia in the Big East tournament. Coach Al Skinner used the unexpected time off to fix a few things Evidently, it was well-spent.

Boston College's defense tightened, holding the Ouakers to 33 percent shooting in the decisive first half, when the Eagles led by as many as 22. The only glaring flaw was the Eagles' 19 turnovers, which allowed the Ouakers

## Bogut has just enough left to top UTEP

TUCSON, Ariz. - With a deafening crowd against it, Utah es-caped with a 60-54 first-round victory over UTEP in the NCAA tournament Thursday thanks to a brilliant bit of defense by Tim Drisdom and a critical rebound by exhausted center Andrew Bogut.

With Utah leading 56-54, TEP's lightning-fast point guard, Filiberto Rivera, drove the lane. Drisdom stripped the ball away, then was fouled by Rivera The Utah junior's two free throws made it 58-54 with 15.4 seconds to

Jason Williams tried to score in side, but Bogut got a piece of the ball, then saved the rebound as he crashed to the floor. Marc Jackson's two free throws with 5.6 seconds to go sealed a victory that left the Lites 6:0 in NCAA tourna ment games at McKale Center. Utah (28-5) has won 23 of its

Bogut, who played all 40 min-

utes, had 24 points, 11 rebounds and four blocked shots, but the Australian 7-footer, who could be the first player taken in this year's NBA Draft if he turns pro as expected, was just 2-for-4 shooting in the second half and made only four of 10 free throws. Bryant Markson was the only other Ute in double figures with 10 points.

Omar Thomas, one of the great stories of the tournament after overcoming a childhood in which his father and two brothers were imprisoned for murder, scored 24 in his final collegiate game for UTEP (27-8), Rivera added 11

The sixth-seeded Utes play third-seeded Oklahoma on Satur day in the second round of the Austin Regional.

Bogut was magnificent in the first half with 17 points on 7-for-9 shooting, including 2-for-3 from three-point range. UTEP's aggres sive defense shut him down for most of the second half, holding him scoreless for nearly 12 minutes.

No. 17 Oklahoma 84, Niagara 67: Drew Lavender scored points to lead six players in double figures for the Sooners (25-7) who overcame some offensive problems with solid defense that harassed the Eagles (20-10) into 16 turnovers

"We had to dig in and hang in with our defense," Sooners coach Kelvin Sampson said. "Our offense kind of came and went, but we scored when we needed to."

Juan Mendez led the 14th-seeded Eagles with 22 points and 15 rebounds. But he missed his first 11 shots in the second half and finally made a basket with just over a minute left in his final college game. Fellow senior David Brooks added 16 points before fouling out.

Mendez and Brooks left the game with 1:09 to play and shared a group hug with coach

Joe Mihalich as Niagara fans chanted, "Thank you, seniors." "That scene is what makes col-

lege basketball special," Sampson said. "You don't see that in the NBA. They had courage to come to Niagara and four years later, look what they did." After trailing by three at half-

time, the Eagles got within one on a basket by Alvin Cruz. But then they went cold, going nearly 12 minutes without a field goal as Oklahoma built a 19-point lead

We went out there and played hard, with a chip on our shoul-der," Oklahoma's Taj Gray said Oklahoma's Taj Gray said "That's what increased our level of intensity on defense. We feel like we have a lot of things to prove, like an underdog.

Cruz's eyes were red and Brooks bowed his head during postgame interviews.

We did something special, we made it to the tournament," said Cruz, also a senior, "I was sad that we lost and our college ca-

# Kentucky slips past E. Kentucky

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — They slowed Kentucky's fast break, shut down the Wildcats on the perimeter and even stole some of their state rival's fans. But the Eastern Kentucky Colonels couldn't stop the second-seeded Wildcats' powerful inside game.

Chuck Hayes and Kelenna Azubuike overpowered the Colonels. Each scored 16 points, and Azubuike ignited an 8-0 run early in the second half of Kentucky's 72-64 first-round victory Thursday.

"It was obvious from the first half that we needed some energy, somewhat of a spark," Hayes said. "I challenged myself to get every rebound and work my way around my man."

Kentucky (26-5) extended its NCAA record of tournament victories to 94 and is now 37-9 in NCAA tournament openers. The Wildcats, who beat a team located only 30 miles away from their Lexington, Ky, campus, will face Cincinnati, a team a mere 75 miles away, in Saturday's second-round game of the Austin Regional.

The Colonels (22-9) weren't about to let the Wildcats coast. Instead, they limited Kentucky to 2-for-11 shooting from three-point range and got within five points in the last two minutes.

The difference was Kentucky's dominant interior game. Hayes and Azubuike combined for 15 rebounds, and Kentucky had a 42-24 scoring advan-

Eastern Kentucky hung around long enough in its first tournament appearance since 1979 to cause concern for Kentucky. Matt Witt scored 21 points, Haney had 12 and Alonzo Hird finished with 11 points and 14 rebounds.



Kentucky's Chuck Hayes, drives on Eastern Kentucky's Michael Haney during the second half of their first-round NCAA tournament game Thursday in Indianapolis. Hayes scored 16 as second-seeded Kentucky defeated Eastern Kentucky 72-64.

No. 23 Cincinnati 76, Iowa 64: Jason Maxiell had 22 points, nine rebounds, six blocked shots and two steals as Cincinnati (25-7) advanced.

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I Towa, down by 18 at one point, sliced it to 35-32 on a three-pointer by Jeff Horner. But Williams hit two three-pointers, Eric Hicks and Maxiell each scored baskets and Maxiell completed a 12-point Cincinnati run with another basket for a 47-32 lead.

## McGwire: Baseball's policy attacked by lawmakers

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"What I will not do, however, is participate in naming names and implicating my friends and teammates," said McGwire, who ranks sixth in major league history with 583 homes

The hearing came after committee members accused baseball of ignoring its steroids problem for years and then, only under congressional pressure, embracing a weak testing program.

Lawmakers were particularly critical of the plan's penalties, including a provision allowing for fines instead of suspensions. A first offense could cost a player \$10,000 instead of a 10-day suspension.

Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig sat with arms crossed and lips pursed for much of the hearing. He craned his neck to get a better view as the players spoke.

In prepared testimony he planned to give later in the day, Selig defended the steroids policy drawn up in January, saying it's "as good as any in professional sports" and adding that he agreed to shorter bans "on the theory that behavior modification should be the most important goal of our policy."

Baseball had fought attempts to compel the players to testify, but committee chairman Tom Davis, R-Va., and ranking Democrat Henry Waxman of California threatened to pursue contempt charges if they did not appear.

More than four hours after the hearing began, the players walked in one by one as spectators, lawmakers and media in the

cramped hearing room fell silent.
Curt Schilling, the Boston Red
Sox pitcher who's been outspoken
against steroid use, was the first
to enter. He sat at one end of the
witness table, with Canseco at the
other. Palmeiro, Sosa, McGwire
and the players' lawyers were in
between

Schilling took a shot at Canseco, saying the former slugger's claims "should be seen for what they are: an attempt to make money at the expense of oth-

ers

All of the players offered condolences to the parents of two young baseball players who committed suicide after using steroids.

The parents testified earlier, along with medical experts who talked about the possible effects of the drugs: heart disease, cancer, sterility, depression.

"Players that are guilty of taking steroids are not only cheaters —you are cowards," said Donald Hooton of Plano, Texas, whose son, Taylor, was 17 when he hanged himself in July 2003.

"You hide behind the skirts of your union, and with the help of management and your lawyers, you've made every effort to resist facing the public today," Hooton said.

The group of players included three of the top 10 home run hitters in major league history — McGwire, Sosa and Palmeiro.

McGwire and Sosa were widely credited with boosting baseball's popularity in 1998 when they chased to break Roger Maris' season record of 61 homers.

Canseco, the 1988 American League Most Valuable Player, wrote that he used steroids and that he injected McGwire with

But Canseco, who retired in 2001, told Thursday's panel that "because of my fear of future prosecution ... I cannot be candid with this committee."

At the hearing's start, almost all of the congressmen shared a personal baseball anecdote or professed their love for the game before leveling their harsh cri-

The panel's first witness was Sen. Jim Bunning, R-Ky., a former pitcher elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1996. He called the sport's steroid penalties "really puny."

Bunning and others said Congress should impose tougher rules if baseball doesn't.

There's no pending bill; Davis and Waxman set out to shed light on the issue Thursday, but they've said there could be future hearings. The House Energy and Commerce Committee has raised the possibility of pursuing legislation down the road

## Bonds has second knee operation

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds underwent a second operation on his right knee Thursday morning, a setback that makes unlikely his hopes of being ready for Opening Day. While the San Francisco Giants

offered no timetable for the slugger's return, it took the seven-time NL MVP more time than expected to recover from the first surgery on the knee Jan. 31. Giants trainer Stan Conte said

he would not rule out the possibility of Bonds being ready for the opener on April 5, but said it is "not an unreasonable thing" to assume he'll be sidelined past that date.

"It would be pretty incredible, but I've learned with Barry I never say he can't do something," Conte said from spring training at Scottsdale Stadium in Arizona. The Giants said in a statement

that Bonds had arthroscopic surgery to repair tears in the knee, similar to his earlier operation. Both operations were performed in the Bay Area by Art Ting.

Bonds, 40, has "experienced periods of swelling in his knee following an incident when he accicentally hit his knee on a table at SBC Park Feb. 4. Neither rest nor his current rehabilitation program has helped alleviate the periodic swelling," the Giants said in a release.

"It was a big blow to begin with and now it's a bigger blow," manager Felipe Alou said before the Giants headed to Surprise to play the Rangers in an exhibition game. "Now it's real, he's going to be out."

Conte said the swelling initially

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was considered a normal part of Bonds' recovery, but when it wouldn't go away he knew something was wrong.

Bonds returned to San Francisco on Wednesday from spring training to be evaluated by Ting, and the process took all day, Conte said. An MRI showed "new tears that had to be addressed."

Bonds hasn't worked out on the field since taking batting practice Sunday. He hasn't played in any exhibition games.

Sunday. He hasn't played in any exhibition games. Bonds begins the season with 703 homers, third on the career list behind Babe Ruth (714) and

## Trachsel to have surgery for herniated disk

Hank Aaron (755)

York Mets pitcher Steve Trachsel will have surgery to repair a herniated disk in his back and is likely to miss a major portion of the season.

Trachsel will be operated on in Los Angeles by Dr. Robert Wat-

"This is not what I expected when I left last week to go to New York for X-rays," Trachsel said in a statement released by the Mets. "I thought I would get a shot and be back. At least they know what the problem is. There is no doubt in my mind I'll be pitching again before the end of the season."

Players who have this type of operation normally miss about three months, Mets General Manager Omar Minaya said. Trachsel will spend two weeks recuperating at his home in San Diego, the Mets said, but Minaya wouldn't speculate on how much time Trachsel will miss. New York will first look internally to fill Trachsel's spot as the No. 5 starter.

### Former Red Sox reliever Radatz dies

EASTON, Mass. — Former Boston Red Sox pitcher Dick Radatz, among the most feared relievers of the 1960s, died after falling down a flight of stairs in his home. He was 67.

Radatz, who at 6-foot-5 was nicknamed "The Monster," lost his balance and suffered a severe head injury in the fall Wednesday afternoon, police Chief Thomas Kominsky said.

"It is believed that as Radatz tumbled down the stairs, he struck his head on the carpet-covered concrete floor," Kominsky said in a statement. "Paramedics were unable to revive Radatz, due to the severity of his injuries

The death is believed to be accidental, Kominsky said. He said the offices of the state medical examiner and Bristol County district attorney were investigating.

Radatz pitched seven seasons in the majors for Boston, Cleveland, Detroit, the Chicago Cubs and Montreal. His career record was 52-43, with 122 saves and a 3.13 ERA.

His best years were in Boston, where he broke into the big leagues in 1962 He was an All-Star in 1963 and 1964. Hour-plus seasons with the Red Sox, he was 49-34 with 104 saves applied under modern rules because saves weren't recorded as a statistic in those days.



The Baltimore Orioles' Rafael Palmiero testifies in Thursday's session.

## **SPORTS**



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## McGwire won't 'name names'

Retired slugger doesn't say whether he used steroids

AND RONALD BLUM The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Retired slugger Mark McGwire told Congress Thursday during a hearing about drugs in baseball that he would not "participate in naming names" of players who used steroids.

McGwire, one of six current or former stars appearing before the House Government Reform Committee, did not say whether he used steroids. In a forewarning to lawmakers, he said his lawvers advised him not to answer certain questions.

"If a player answers, 'No,' he simply will not be believed," McG-wire said. "If he answers, 'Yes,' he risks public scorn and endless government investigations

Two current players, Sammy Sosa and Rafael Palmeiro, told the committee they never used steroids. McGwire and Palmeiro were accused of using performance-enhancing drugs by Jose Canseco in a best-selling book that helped prompt the hearing.

It was an extraordinary sightsome of the top names in baseball history wearing business suits on Capitol Hill instead of uniforms on a diamond.

Two top sluggers were not present because they testified in 2003 to a San Francisco grand jury investigating a steroid-distribution ring: Barry Bonds of the San Francisco Giants, and Jason Giambi of the New York Yankees.

In a tense scene, Canseco sat at the same table as the other players as he told the lawmakers he could not fully answer their questions because of concerns his testimony could be used against him.

During a break after the players' opening statements, five of the stars gathered in a nearby room; Canseco went to another. Choking back tears, his voice cracking, McGwire said he knows

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**Poll: Most Americans want** users out of record books

By a 2-1 margin, Americans think professional baseball players who have broken Major League Baseball's rules by using performance-enhanc-ing drugs should not be allowed to remain in the record books, a poll found.

The ABC-ESPN poll of 1,019 adults was taken March 11-15 and has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 per centage points, and 4 percent-age points for baseball fans.

Some other findings: ■ Two-thirds said that "such athletes who use perfor-mance-enhancing drugs" should not be eligible for the Hall of Fame.

■ Almost two-thirds said Major League Baseball is not doing enough to prevent ste-roid use in baseball.

■ Two-thirds, 65 percent, thought Major League Base-ball should be responsible for creating and enforcing rules about steroid use in baseball, while 30 percent said the feder-al government should be re-

■ Eight in 10 said they are concerned that the use of performance-enhancing drugs by well-known athletes encourages young people to use those

Almost three-fourths said Barry Bonds of the San Francisco Giants should have been called to testify before Con-

that steroid use can be dangerous and will do whatever he can to discourage young athletes from using them

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Major League Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig listens to testimony during a hearing on Capitol Hill to examine the use of steroids in baseball in Washington on Thursday. Selig defended baseball's steroids policy, saying it's "as good as any in professional sports" and adding that he agreed to shorter bans "on the theory that behavior modification should be the most important goal of our policy."

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